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## Are you a fan of the wallpaper trend?

*I have to admit I'm very tempted to put up a panel of wallpaper in my all-white living room, especially having seen all the gorgeous designs from the new-season's collections. It's not something I've thought about before, but I've really taken a shine to this trend for decorating – and this month's interior-design course gives you tips and advice on how to make it work in spaces around your home.*

*But this summer's hottest look has to be the wildflower motif, which we spotted at the interiors press shows a little while back and you'll soon see popping up in the high-street homeware collections. It's a soft, pretty design that you can introduce easily with cushions, accessories, a rug or a set of new linen. It's the ideal way to start off your summer in style.*

Lisa

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Have your best-ever



JUNE



Our round-up of the latest buys, clever ideas and special finishing touches

**AL FRESCO LUNCH**

Greenwich teak garden  
table and six chairs,  
£1,299.99, Homebase



## Dine outside

The great British summer has officially arrived, so head outdoors and embrace the laid-back lifestyle that comes with the warmer months. Relax, unwind and forget about the time while you enjoy lazy afternoons in the sunshine with friends. Make garden gatherings feel extra-special with colourful bunting, stylish tableware and displays of fresh flowers.



**BY CANDLELIGHT**  
Lantern (H23cm),  
£4.95, Bombay Duck

### THIS MONTH

#### WE'RE BUYING



**↑ PRETTY GLASSES**

Antique floral hi-ball tumblers,  
£3 each, Marks & Spencer

#### WE'RE GIVING



**↑ FLORAL SCENTS**

Lily of the valley handwash and lotion,  
£6 each, Heathcote & Ivory

#### WE'RE LOVING



**↑ HEARTS OF STONE**

Pastel bowls, £15 for a  
set of three, Next



MAKE IT SPECIAL

# Father's Day picnic

With the special event taking place on 21 June this year, what better way to celebrate than by enjoying a mid-summer picnic with your family? Set up a rug and outdoor cushions in a secluded shady spot and bring along some good food and fun games. Stick to practical melamine bowls, plates and tumblers.



← **DURABLE DISH**  
Paradise Fields melamine plate (Dia26cm), £6, Cath Kidston

→ **CLASSIC GAME**  
Rounders set, £35, Notonthehighstreet.com



← **KEEP IT FRESH**  
Lollipops insulated picnic carrier, £30, Laura Ashley



## DAY AT THE PARK

Four-person hamper, £30; serving tray, £5; pitcher, £5; picnic rug, £6; dinner plates, £1.50 each; side plates, £1.30 each; salad bowl, £3; wine glasses, £1.80 each; short tumblers, £1.30 each, all the Meadow collection at George Home

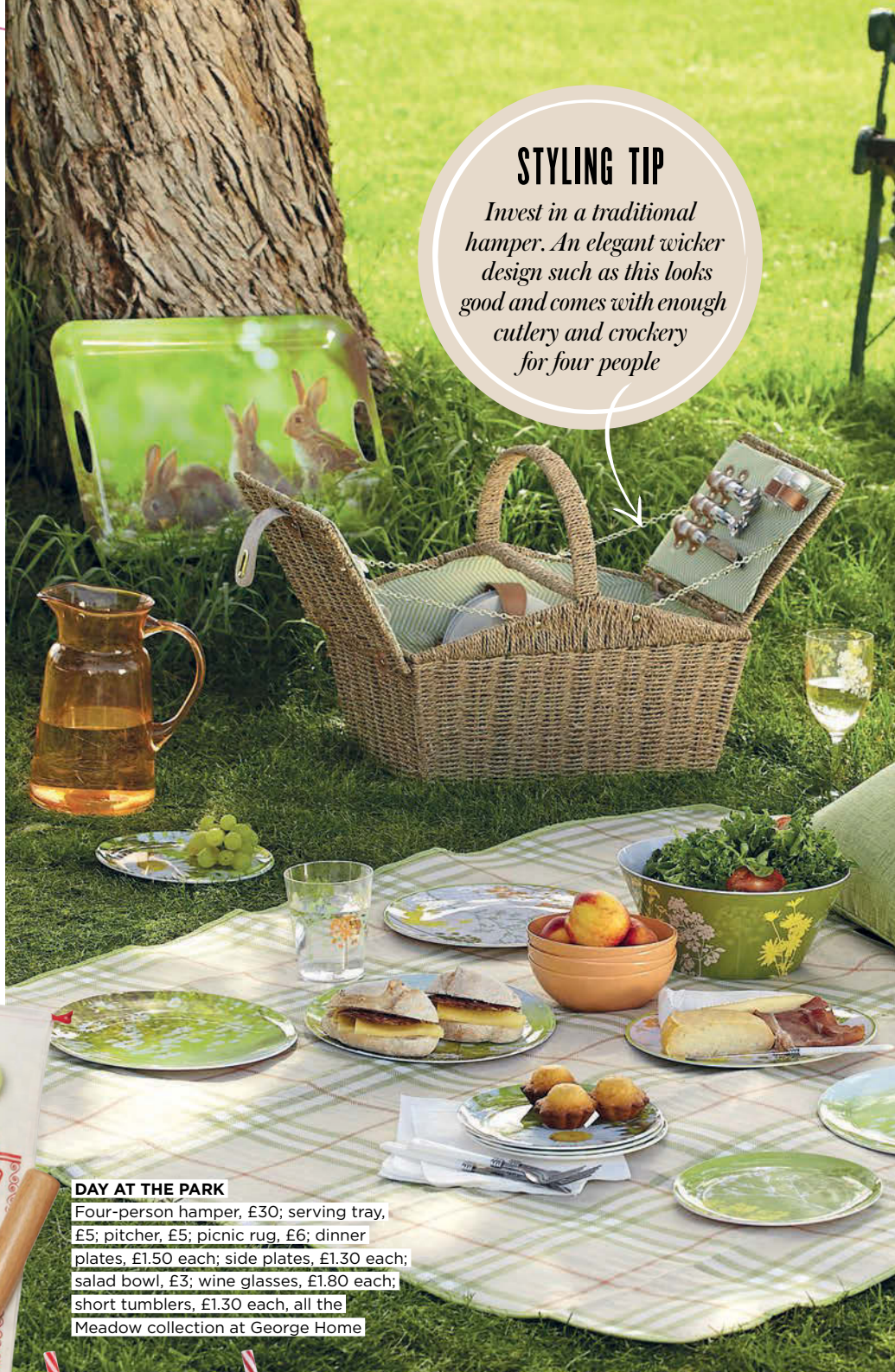
## ↓ TAKE A SIP

Bright glass drinking jars, £18 for a set of four, The Contemporary Home



## STYLING TIP

Invest in a traditional hamper. An elegant wicker design such as this looks good and comes with enough cutlery and crockery for four people



Love this

Capture special moments and print them in seconds with this compact camera. Lomo'Instant Boston edition, £129, Lomography



# TASTY TART

*Great for large parties*

- 1 Heat the oven to 220°C. Combine 500g of cherry tomatoes with a tablespoon of balsamic vinegar and half a tablespoon of olive oil. Put on a tray and roast for 10 minutes.
- 2 Place a sheet of puff pastry on an oiled oven tray and fold the edges to make a 0.5cm border.
- 3 Prick the base with a fork and add greaseproof paper and baking beans. Bake blind for 10 minutes.
- 4 Take the pastry out of the oven and reduce the oven temperature to 200°C.
- 5 Top the pastry with pesto then add the tomatoes, 55g of pitted black olives and 360g of ricotta cheese. Bake for a further 10 minutes. Serve cool drizzled with olive oil. For more recipes, see Lakeland.

Simple  
RECIPE



# Father's Day gift ideas

*Treat your dad with these presents*



## ↑ SHED ACCESSORY

Wooden garden arrow (H7xW28cm), £4, The Contemporary Home



## ↑ SWEET MESSAGE

Pyramid International mug, £6.99, Amazon



## ↑ GROW YOUR OWN

Indoor allotment (H20.4xW43.4x D16.4cm), £24.95, Prezzybox



## ↑ RETRO STYLING

Attache record player turntable suitcase in French blue, £85, Cuckooland.com

# EASY ENTERTAINING



*'Create your own fizzy drinks from tap water with the Sodastream Classic Source machine. Each gas cylinder can make up to 60 litres of your favourite carbonated refreshment.'* £79, Very

Ellen Blake, Features assistant



Make it  
EASY

# CLEVER IDEA

For a handy individual picnic cutlery holder, take a pretty paper bag and place a set of cutlery and a straw inside. We love the idea of using disposable wooden cutlery for fuss-free dining. Cut out a label the size of a small gift tag and decorate with a heart stamp and ink. Write the name of your guest on the tag and secure it to your paper bag with twine or a mini peg. For a finishing touch, attach mini salt and pepper packets. Peach Blossom party bag and place setting, £40 for 20, Notonthehighstreet.com





## THE EDIT

### GREAT BRITISH ACCESSORIES

*Celebrate London's Trooping the Colour with these patriotic buys*



£19.95

#### ↑ PERFECT CUPPA

Union Jack half-pint mug,  
Emma Bridgewater



£98

#### ↑ HAND-STITCHED DESIGN

London needlepoint cushion,  
Jonathan Adler



£9.95

#### ↑ DOG DAYS

Pug in a crown print,  
Notonthehighstreet.com



£9

#### ↑ VINTAGE INSPIRATION

Trooping the Colour tea towel,  
Unique and Unity

## STYLE SPOTLIGHT

# Strawberry fields

What could be more synonymous with summer than strawberries and cream and the nostalgia of childhood days spent fruit-picking? Embrace this seasonal favourite in your home by adding a blind or cushion in a colourful print, and introduce the trend into your kitchen with patterned glasses and crockery.



#### SUMMERY SCHEME

Fancy Nancy sofa (H81xW182xD94cm), from £1,999, Sofa Workshop. Cushion in toile stripe reverse green cotton satin, £41.25 per m, Elanbach. For similar strawberry cushion and blind fabric, try SummerStrawberries, £47 per m, Sanderson. Clement coffee table, £1,185, Pinch Design. Matador sofa in ladybird, £1,745, Content by Terence Conran. London pottery teapot, £11, John Lewis. For similar mugs, try Tulips half-pint, £39.95 for two, Emma Bridgewater. Cake stand, £87, JoJo Glass. Burleigh asparagus jelly mould (used as plant pot), £33.50, Divertimenti. For similar box files, try Kate Forman, £40 each, Clarabelle Interiors



## Enjoy great days out



### JUST THE TWO OF YOU

Treat your dad by taking him to Harewood House's Father's Day Classic Car Motor Show in West Yorkshire. With hundreds of vintage cars and the beautiful setting to enjoy, it's a guaranteed good day out. 21 June, admission from £7.50.



### FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS

If you're a keen cook, visit The Cake and Bake Show in Harrogate in North Yorkshire on 19-21 June. With classes and celebrity demonstrations, your home-made creations will taste better than ever. Admission is £15 for adults.



### FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Try a day out with a difference at Lullingstone Castle's Fire Engine Rally in Kent. This fun event celebrates the history of fire-fighting, with vintage engines on display and a water target range for children. 27-28 June, from £4.

→ **RASPBERRY PRINT**  
Sommar 2015 cushion cover, £3, Ikea

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↑ **HANDY TO HAVE**  
Strawberry Fields single oven glove, £11.99, Worldstores

→ **TABLETOP NECESSITY**  
Mimi coasters, £15 for two, Wealden fairs.com



↑ **GET BAKING**  
Strawberry medium cupcake cases, £4.99 for 60, Premier Housewares

## Price patrol KITCHEN STORAGE SETS

Keep essentials in these stylish tins



↑ **GOOD CHOICE**  
Vintage four-piece storage set, Argos

↑ **LUXURY TOUCH**  
Bread-bin set in shutter blue, Garden Trading





UPDATE YOUR

# Summerhouse

Choose neutral tones and comfortable wicker furniture to transform your summerhouse into a welcoming space. Inside, enhance the airy feel with simple decor and a few well-chosen prints for the wall. Add accent geometric cushions to bring a modern edge. Opt for zinc planters, weather-resistant chairs and cushions that can also be used outside. Complete the look with seasonal bunting and a smart outdoor wall clock.

↓ **MAKE A STATEMENT**  
Enamel mug,  
£4.99, Dobbies  
Garden Centres



## COMFORTABLE CHOICE

Bermuda Harez  
chair (H91xW95x  
D90cm), £449,  
Marks & Spencer



← **HAPPY THOUGHT**  
Hanging plaque  
(H3xW12cm),  
£4, B&Q



## RELAXING RETREAT

Eaton summerhouse  
in birch white, £700;  
vintage station clock,  
£28; metal planters, £35  
for a set of two, Next



## THREE OF THE BEST *outdoor paints*

### SOFT LOOK

Blue gray  
exterior eggshell,  
£58 per 2.5ltr,  
Farrow & Ball

### BRIGHT SKY

Weathercoat  
summer blue  
masonry paint,  
£24.99 per 5ltr,  
Homebase

### COOL NEUTRAL

Acre intelligent  
exterior eggshell,  
£58 per 2.5ltr,  
Little Greene





↑ **FOR ALL WEATHERS**  
French stripe outdoor cushion, £10, Tesco



← **VIBRANT ACCENT**  
Paper lantern string lights, £15.50, Berry Red

↓ **TIME OUT**  
Paddington outdoor station clock, £17.09, Argos



**ADD GREENERY**  
Bowwood planter in blue, £16.99, Homebase



**PRACTICAL IDEA**  
Dahlia potting bench, £399;  
large insect hotel, £29.50;  
small insect hotel, £17.50;  
watering can, £49.50,  
all Marks & Spencer

## CREATE A WORKSTATION

A designated area for planting and sowing seeds is a valuable addition to a garden, but achieving a space that's both useful and attractive isn't always easy. Select a potting bench that's lightweight so it can be moved with minimal fuss, but large enough to house all the essentials. Look for hooks to hang tools, watering cans and mugs, and ensure there are plenty of shelves to keep plants and tools separate and ordered. Benches that feature drawers or a cupboard can be used to store waterproof items or small plants that need to be kept in the dark. We love this Marks & Spencer potting bench, which opens out to provide an extra workspace.

## In the garden Things to do in June

**FLOWERS** If you haven't already, start sowing seeds - it's not too late for calendula and larkspur and it's the perfect time for nigella, marigolds, nasturtium and cosmos. Sow biennials, such as sweet Williams and wallflowers, so they flower next summer, and try to get the kids involved in the garden by encouraging them to grow their own sunflowers.

**VEGETABLES** Plant out courgette, tomato, bean and celery seedlings. Start harvesting onions, garlic and, towards the end of the month, early potatoes. It's also the right month to plant climbing beans. Protect carrots from pests such as carrot fly, keep beetroot well-watered and pinch out the side shoots of chillies and peppers to encourage more fruit.

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### FOR THE KIDS

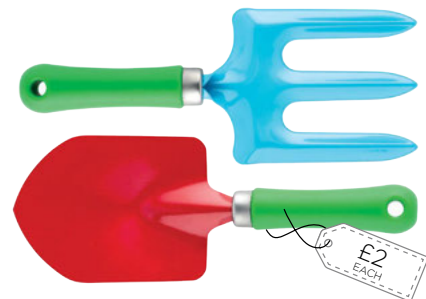
Encourage your children to learn about gardening



↑ **LITTLE HANDS**  
Melissa and Doug Be Good to Bugs gardening gloves, Garden Divas



↑ **STARTER SET**  
Wild & Wolf Little Thoughtful Gardener my vegetable patch kit, John Lewis



↑ **TINY TOOLS**  
Kids mini fork and trowel, Tesco Direct



↑ **NEW SHOOTS**  
Cress plant pot, Tiger



## Summer Seasonal ideas

### ON THE WING

Small pink butterfly, £6; large white butterfly, £10; medium purple butterfly, £8; paper wall art, £48; pink mimosa candle, £16; Elina double duvet set, £50; pom-pom throw, £120; paisley cushion, £30; Parisian lamp, £65; trunk, £65; Alice double bed frame, £450; Diva teal rug (H120xW170cm), £140, all Butterfly Home by Matthew Williamson at Debenhams



### → 3D EFFECT

Metal butterfly plaques (largest: H19xW23cm) £20 for a set of five, Next



### TRENDING NOW

## Summer brights

**THE LOOK** A clashing mix of rich purples, fuchsia pinks, bright teal and citrus yellows isn't a combination for the colour-shy. When paired with beautiful mother of pearl inlaid furniture and luxurious velvet textiles, it has a decadent feel that's reminiscent of holidays in warm and exotic climes.

**WHAT'S NEW?** This year, expect to see a relaxed feminine take on the trend with lots of vibrant heart, bird and butterfly motifs. Pom-pom trims, printed storage trunks and papercut artwork bring a vintage, homespun edge.

### → HOT PINK

Newgate pantry clock (Dia22.5cm), £30, John Lewis



### ← CHARMING CUT-OUTS

Framed hearts (H30xW30cm), £8, George Home



### RAINBOW COLOURS

Cosmic coat rack, £55, Oliver Bonas



### ↑ TROPICAL FEEL

Rico floral-printed cushion, £15, Very

FEATURE ELLEN BLAKE LIVING-ROOM PHOTOGRAPH MARK SCOTT BUNTING TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS. £7 PER 4M TALKING TABLES

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## Price patrol INLAID CHEST OF DRAWERS

Invest in a richly decorated piece of furniture



### ↑ GOOD CHOICE

Olivia chest of drawers (H90xW110xD50cm), Bhs



### ↑ LUXURY TOUCH

Mother of pearl chest of drawers (H86.5xW107xD50cm), Graham and Green



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### ← BACK TO SCHOOL

Harper two-door storage locker (H172x W35.4x D38.5cm), £69



### MODERN LOOK

Belleport mirror (H81xW91cm), £179



### ↑ RETRO STYLE

Alexis three-seater sofa (H86xW184x D85cm), £499



### ← SCANDI CHIC

Ace dining table (H76x Dia107cm) and four chairs, £499



### COLOUR POP

Nine-cup espresso maker, £20

### ← ORIENTAL PRINT

Accessorize kimono cushion, £40



### → WOOD EFFECT

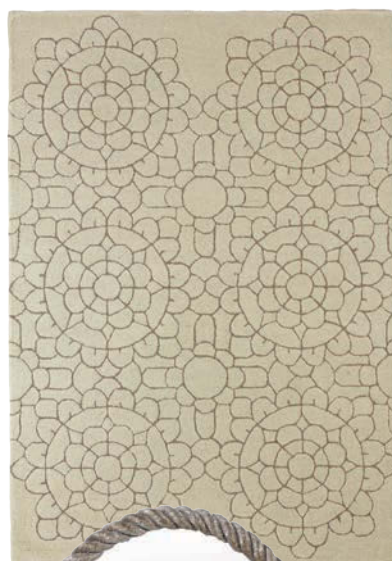
Oscar sideboard (H75xW135x D42cm), £179



## COX & COX

### ← 100% WOOL

Maroq rug (H230x W160cm), £275



### NORDIC INSPIRED

Gunnar pendant light (H30x Dia30cm), £65



### ← MIDAS TOUCH

Aurelia brushed-gold cutlery, £75 for a 16-piece set



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### ON REFLECTION

Silvered braided mirror (H57xW40x D3cm), £65



### ↓ GOLD RUSH

Oval bowl, £45 for three



### ↑ TAKE HEART

Wooden stools (large: H38xW29cm), £55 for two



### HANGING AROUND

Swing chair with cushions (H185xW110x Dia130cm), £350



# INTERNET

accessories and personalised buys from these online-only sources

## NOTONTHEHIGHSTREET.COM



← **QUIRKY CROCKERY**  
Yvonne Ellen giraffe  
dinner and side plate,  
£35 for a set of two



→ **CHEERFUL STRIPES**  
Ribbon lamp  
by Isabel  
Stanley, £99



↑ **HAND PAINTED**  
Ruby Rhino  
vintage  
console table  
(H76xW93x  
D54cm), £340



↑ **ON THE WALL**  
Idyll Home star  
coat hooks,  
£15.95 for three



↓ **PICTURE PERFECT**  
Thelittleboysroom  
clothes line photo frame  
(H43xW50cm), £39.95



→ **REVERSIBLE QUILT**  
Olli Ella blanket  
(H91xW127cm), £59



← **SWEET IDEA**  
Gillian Kyle  
storage tin  
(H10xW24x  
D7cm), £7.95

## MADE.COM



← **LOVE BIRDS**  
Framed print  
(H56xW44x  
D2cm), £99



↑ **DISTINCTIVE DESIGN**  
Fonteyn dressing  
table (H115xW90x  
D50cm), £399



↓ **BRIGHT UPDATE**  
Jonah double bed  
(H83xW148  
D204cm), £549

→ **MONO LOOK**  
Iso cloud  
cushion, £15



← **BUTTON BACK**  
Hoxton dining chair  
(H80xW46xD60cm),  
£149 for two



↑ **FAMILY SIZE**  
Extending  
dining table  
(H75xW40-  
80xD180cm),  
£399

↑ **LIGHT TOUCH**  
Jenkins table lamp, £39

FEATURE ALISON LOVETT



Colour of the month

# Grey

Create a calming space with different tones of this versatile shade

→ **SNUGGLE UP**

Donna Wilson rainy day blanket (H190x W145cm), £195, Rume



↑ **VARIABLE CONTROLS**

Dualit matt titanium four-slice toaster, £80, Debenhams



**COLOURFUL DETAIL**

Wilmot two-seater sofa with multicoloured buttons (H96xW139xD81cm), £995, Habitat



↓ **FELT TEXTURE**

Menu panel clock (H30xW30xD5cm), £103.92, Amazon



↑ **ON-TREND DESIGN**

Fir wood table (H74xW140xD90cm), £395, Idyll Home



**LUXURY FINISH**

Scallop-hem towels, from £8 each, Holly Willoughby at Bhs



**STYLISH GARDENING**

Orla Kiely 4ltr watering can, £39.95, Wild & Wolf



100+ shopping buys







## DECORATING TIP

Shutters fitted to the lower half of windows will provide privacy while still allowing plenty of light in



### SOPHISTICATED SCHEME

Elephant grey café-style shutters, from £290 per sqm, Shutterly Fabulous. For similar lighting, try Barrington ceiling pendant, £75, John Lewis. For similar tableware, try Wobbler, from £35, Loaf. For similar table, try Padstow extending dining table (H75xW165xD85), £449, Marks & Spencer. For similar chairs, try Croft collection Cecile dining chair, £75 each; Vitra Eames DSW side chair, £332 each; both John Lewis



### RAISE A TOAST

Dip-dye wine glass in smoke, £15, Amara

### ↑ KEEP ORGANISED

French grey heart magnet board (H35xW17.5xD1.5cm), £14.99, Homebase



### ↑ ANIMAL MAGIC

Elephant doorstop, £14, M&Co



### PRETTY STORAGE

Josette dove grey boxes (large: H12.5xW29xD24cm), £25 for a set of two, Laura Ashley



### ↑ MODERN OPTION

Falum desk lamp (H33cm), £126, In-spaces



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### ← SOFT TOUCH

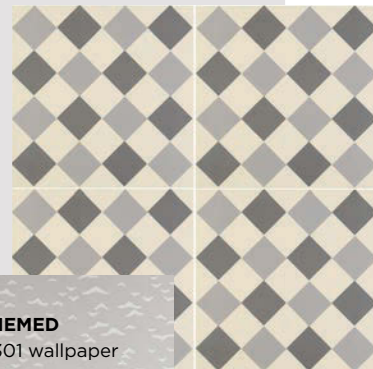
Bath mat in pebble grey (H85xW65cm), £39.99, Coastal Home

## SWATCH Watch

Introduce subtle pattern and texture with these buys

### GEOMETRIC STRUCTURE

Harlequin small ceramic tiles in grey, £79.97 per sqm, Original Style



### BIRD THEMED

Yukutori BP 4301 wallpaper (W53cm), £85 per 10m roll, Farrow & Ball



### WARM TONE

Colours one-coat fog in matt emulsion, £19.84 per 2.5ltr, B&Q



### LITTLE GEM

Diamond weave cotton-mix fabric, £25 per m, John Lewis



## THE LOOK IN ONE BUY



KEY  
PIECE

### ↑ OMBRE ACCESSORY

Lene Bjerre Danielle hurricane lantern (H20xDia15cm), £81.50, Occa-Home

FEATURE ELLEN BLAKE





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→ **METALLIC ACCESSORY**  
Brass lantern (H21x  
W15xD15cm), £8, Wilko



↓ **GLOSS FINISH**  
Padstow blue  
ceramic wall tile  
(H10xW10cm),  
£4.98, Colours  
at B&Q



**ETCHED WOOD**  
Placemat (Dia28cm),  
£17 for two, Denby



↑ **MEADOW  
PRINT**  
Hedgerow  
table lamp  
(H43xDia25cm),  
£24.99,  
Homebase



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Style spotlight

# Wildflowers

*Bring this fresh, summery trend into  
your rooms for the new season*

→ **PRETTY PASTEL**  
Penrose vase (H34.5x  
Dia17.5cm), £16, Next



**SLATE SIGN**  
Plaque, £5,  
Sainsbury's



↑ **TEXTURED EMBROIDERY**  
Cow parsley cushion,  
£35, John Lewis

**PURE COTTON**

Field flowers bedding set in  
purple mix, £49.50 for a  
double, Marks & Spencer



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↓ **BOTANICAL DETAIL**  
Storage jars (H13x  
Dia11cm), £11.49 each,  
Premier Housewares



↑ **COUNTRY STYLE**  
Double oven glove,  
£15, Betty Boyns at  
Notonthehighstreet.com



← **HAND-TUFTED WOOL**  
Sanderson dandelion  
duck egg olive rug  
(H140xW200cm),  
£409, Amara



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## DINING



**↑ GOLD RIM**  
Glassware, from £9.60 for a tumbler, Biba at House of Fraser



**LACE EFFECT**  
Vera Wang plate (Dia20cm), £22.50, Wedgwood



**↓ KEY DESIGN**  
Cutlery, £210 for a 24-piece set, Amara



**↑ GILT AND SILK**  
Emmanuel chair, £292, Sweetpea & Willow



**ELEGANT DINING**  
Palazzo range 11 damask wallpaper in Victorian regal effect, £99 per m (W130cm), Urbane Living. For similar chairs, try Within Home. For similar chandeliers, try The Chandelier and Mirror Company



**FEMININE FEEL**  
Sylvia silver king-size bed, £1,345; Sylvia two-drawer bedside table (H73.5x W40xD33cm), £295, both The French Bedroom Company

## BEDROOM



**↑ MIRROR FINISH**  
Juliette dressing table (H81.5x W125xD45cm), £450, Next

**↑ DISPLAY A MEMORY**  
Champagne photo frame, £16, Laura Ashley

**→ LIGHT FANTASTIC**  
Anastasia chandelier (Dia53cm), £299, Marks & Spencer



**← OSTRICH FEATHER**  
Cushion, £25, Debenhams



FEATURE ELLEN BLAKE



## LIVING

### → STRIKING DESIGN

Glosida table (H56xDia45cm),  
£445, Out There Interiors



### SUNBURST STYLE

Eton mirror  
(Dia145cm),  
£549.99,  
Casafina



### PUT YOUR FEET UP

Lila chaise (H77xW145xD77cm),  
£699, Holly Willoughby at Bhs



### ↑ SPARKLY ACCESSORY

Kylie Minogue square  
diamond cushion, £50,  
Kaleidoscope

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### IN THE PINK

Isobel Chesterfield-style medium sofa in  
Modici velvet blush (H75xW199xD102cm),  
£1,899; Hamilton weathered oak and linen  
stud chair (H90xW68xD71.5cm), £599;  
Hamilton footstool (H47xW74x  
D45cm), £329, all Marks & Spencer



## BATHROOM

### → HANG IT UP

Gold hook, £3.99 for  
two, H&M Home

### STATEMENT SET

Gold Sparkle  
accessories, from  
£5 for a tumbler,  
George Home



### POLISHED BRASS

Eichholtz shell tray,  
£60, Occa-home

### ↓ DISTINCTIVE LOOK

Pure cotton snakeskin  
patterned towels, from  
£10 each, Debenhams



### TIME TO RELAX

Landmark bath in gun-metal grey,  
£2,229; linen 400 wall-hung unit  
in rust, £440; linen 800 vanity  
unit and basin, £650, all Bathstore





# Smart solutions Bathroom

Create an organised and relaxing space that works for you and your family



## ↑ LAUNDRY TIDY

Take the hassle out of washing with a simple, collapsible clothes-sorter (H56xW35x D60cm), £35, Next

## → TOUCH FREE

A sensor pump (H22xW9.5x D10.8cm) is a hygienic way to keep hands clean without mess, £30, Umbra at Amara



IDEAS YOU'LL Love

## ↑ SOFT AND FLUFFY

Each strand of yarn traps the air, so these 100% cotton Hygro towels grow plumper with every use. From £1 for a face cloth, Tesco Direct



## ↑ EASY ORGANISER

Keep your odds and ends tidy in a compact, moveable three-tier caddy (H76xW25xD19cm), £59.99, Marks & Spencer

## ↑ LUXURY TOUCH

The Camberley back-to-wall bath (H64xW155xD75cm) has the look of a roll-top freestanding unit while fitting into a smaller space, £399, Victoria Plumb



## PEDAL POWER

Stable, odour-proof, silent and corrosion resistant, this metallic mint 5ltr bin is the ideal choice for wet bathroom floors, £23.75, Brabantia





### INTRODUCE CHARACTER

Simple wooden furniture will bring texture and warmth to a grey-and-white scheme. Molger mirror (H60xW80cm), £29; Molger storage stool (H50xW37xD37cm), £25; Molger shelving unit (H140xW37xD37cm), £35; Godmorgon/Odensvik washstand (H64xW80xD49cm), £240, all Ikea



### MULTIFUNCTIONAL DESIGN

With its built-in towel rail, the Conran mirror shelf (H43xW40xD10cm) is a neat alternative to a cabinet, £95, Store



### ← SPLASH OUT

Stylishly designed, with its eco function, the Rainshower Icon handshower will help to keep your water bills down, £118.50, Grohe



### ↓ SPACE SAVER

Add extra storage with an under-basin unit (H60xW60xD30cm), £55.99, Premier Housewares



### ↓ CHROME PLATED

Get everything you can out of your toothpaste and make-up with an Alessi buckle tube-squeezer, £12.50, Made In Design



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## THREE INNOVATIVE HI-TECH BUYS

*Modernise your bathroom with these clever gadgets*



### ↑ EASY LISTENING

With all the quality of a Roberts DAB/FM radio combined with a waterproof design, the Splash! is perfect for singing in the shower. £93.99, John Lewis



### ↑ ECO FRIENDLY

Keep your water usage in check with this Efergy Showertime monitor. Its display gauges average output and an alarm sounds when you have reached your target. £6.95, Amazon



### ↑ HEALTHY CHOICE

More than just a set of scales, the Aria tracks your weight, BMI and body fat percentage. It's fully integrated to an online app to help make getting in shape easier than ever. £99.99, Fitbit



### ↑ COASTAL LOOK

Able to absorb four times its own weight in water, this cute beach house bathmat (H50xW80cm) also features a non-slip backing. £19, Very

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**1 PORTABLE DESIGN**  
Weber Smokey Joe  
Premium barbecue (H46x  
W36xD42cm), Dobbies

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**SOLID OAK**  
Abin coffee table  
(H45xDia90cm),  
John Lewis

£99

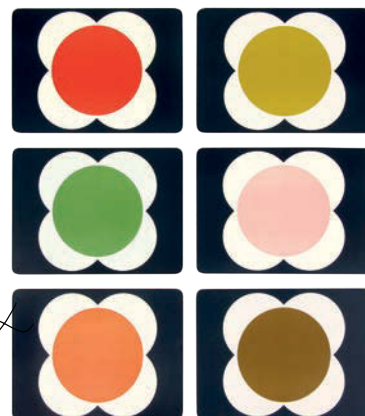
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**HEAT RESISTANT**  
Set of six Orla  
Kiely flower  
placemats, Amara



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**SOFT TOUCH**  
Paradise stripe bath  
towels, Cath Kidston

£44.99



**5 WOODEN FRAME**  
Ben de Lisi colour  
blocks mirror  
(H70.5xW50cm),  
Debenhams

£60

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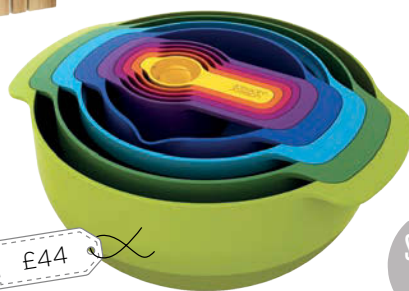


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**POWERFUL MOTOR**  
Kenwood Kmix  
hand mixer, Argos

6

**SPACE SAVING**  
Nest 9 Plus food  
preparation set,  
Joseph Joseph



£44

£99



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**UTENSILS  
UPGRADE**  
44-piece  
Manhattan  
cutlery  
set, Marks  
& Spencer

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**DISTRESSED  
FINISH**  
Wooden Alabama  
chair, Next

£99

£95



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**PURE COTTON**  
Durrie monochrome  
floor cushion (H25x  
W55xD55cm), Habitat





**MODERN UPDATE**

Amis handles,  
£30 for two.

Period Classics range



**CLASSIC LOOK**

Varley handles,  
£25 for two, Vintage  
Glamour range

# ADD STYLISH DETAILS

*Revitalise your home with elegant new handles from Sarah Beeny*



**POLISHED FINISH**

Prado chrome  
handles (above), £18  
for two; Galatea handles  
(right), £25 for two,  
both Modern Life range



**RETRO EDGE**

Skane, £25 for two,  
Urban Living range

Looking for ways to give your home an easy, instant update? Property guru Sarah Beeny has joined up with premium living solutions specialist Häfele UK to launch four new handle ranges from the Sarah Beeny Home collection.

Designed to suit all styles of furniture, the collection consists of four beautifully crafted ranges – Urban Living, Vintage Glamour, Period Classics and Modern Life.

Giving a nod to nostalgia while remaining on-trend, Urban Living uses natural woods and straight lines to refresh tired furniture.

If you're after elegance, then Vintage Glamour combines intricate detailing with reflective surfaces, perfect for adding allure

to bathrooms and bedrooms.

Period Classics mixes traditional with modern design, using chrome, copper and brass for a look that suits a kitchen or study.

For a timeless finish, opt for Modern Life, which offers simple, sleek designs in various finishes – brilliant for contemporary schemes.

'Handles are perfect for revitalising a living space without great expense,' says Sarah. 'Quality finishing touches can make a genuine difference to the look of an area while adding real value to your home.'

The new Sarah Beeny Home collection is available exclusively through Amazon. Prices range from £12 to £40 for a pair.

[sarahbeenhome.co.uk](http://sarahbeenhome.co.uk)

**↑ ANTIQUE BRASS**  
Eliot handles,  
£30 for two, Period  
Classics range

*Take your pick* **BEAUTIFUL HANDLES**  
*Refresh your interior with these chic additions*

**↓ SLEEK DESIGN**  
Harpa black handles,  
£20 for two, Modern  
Life range

**↑ ORNATE SILVER**  
Ellington handles, £25 for two,  
Vintage Glamour range

**← SIMPLE WOOD**  
Helin handles, £25  
for two, Urban  
Living range

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*Take your cue from these inspiring properties  
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A mix of  
favourite finds  
has given  
Jen Taylor's  
London flat  
its unique  
personality



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## **'WE TOOK SECONDS TO DECIDE TO BUY'**

Caroline Dixon's bright bungalow

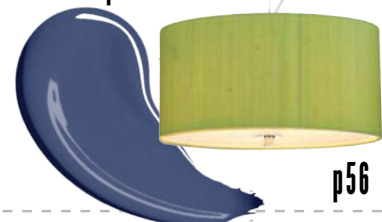
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Maree Parsons' stylishly decorated  
terraced house in south London

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# *‘We took seconds to decide to buy’*

From the off, Caroline Dixon knew that her Suffolk bungalow would make the ideal renovation project



## **BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

Caroline maximised the light in this sunny room by opting for white walls and units with zingy green accents for a fresh, spring-like feel





## HOUSE DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Caroline Dixon, a podiatrist, and husband Richard, a retired businessman

**AGES** 58 and 61

**LOCATION** Suffolk

### PROPERTY

Architect-designed  
Sixties bungalow

### QUICK BUDGET BREAKDOWN

<b>Windows</b>	£5,000
<b>Doors</b>	£2,000
<b>Bathroom</b>	£7,000
<b>En suite</b>	£5,000
<b>Cloakroom</b>	£3,000
<b>Bedrooms</b>	£13,000
<b>Hallway</b>	£1,000
<b>Kitchen</b>	£25,000
<b>Flooring</b>	£5,000
<b>Decorating</b>	£10,000
<b>Furniture</b>	£10,000

**TOTAL** £86,000

### PURCHASE PRICE

**£205,000**

### OUTLAY TO DATE

**£86,000**

### VALUED NOW AT

**£375,000**





### → SPACE TO THE MAX

Eye-level ovens built into a wall of tall units maximises storage. The gloss-white slab cabinets from Magnet contrast nicely with the Antalya grey porcelain floor tiles

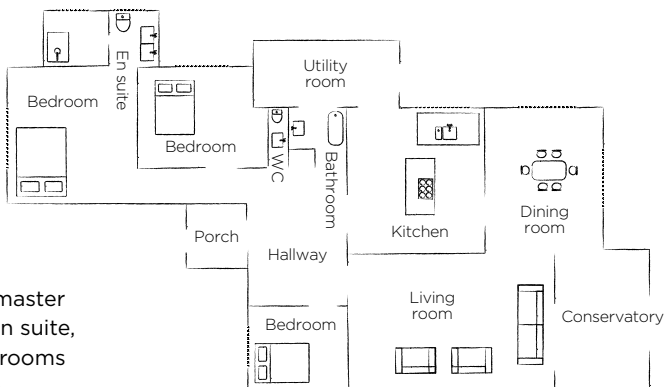
### ← UPLIFTING VIEW

Caroline loves overlooking the garden from the kitchen. Bright-green Granny Smith apples were the inspiration for her colour injection. For a similar Roman blind fabric, try Greenwich Village leaf by Designers Guild



### → VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

After rewiring and replumbing their bungalow, the Dixons knocked down a wall to create an open-plan kitchen diner with doors to the garden. The property has a master bedroom with en suite, two further bedrooms and a bathroom





## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Make your kitchen feel extra-special with these finishing touches*



### ↑ GO FOR VINTAGE

Display plants in a unique way under glass bell cloches. Scour antique fairs or try LSA International for similar



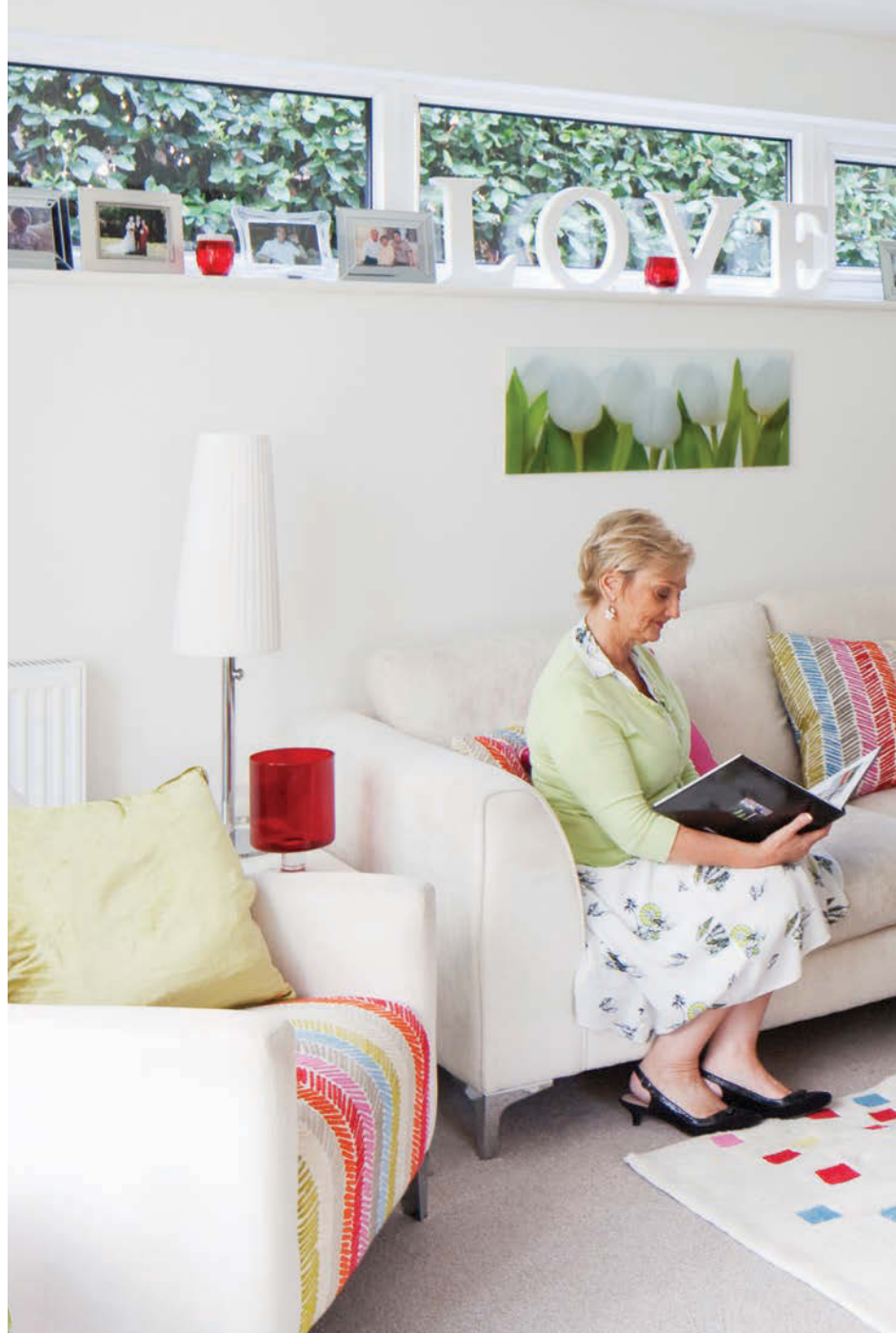
### ↑ THINK SPATIALLY

Ensure easy access to pots and pans with specially designed heavy-duty drawers



### ↑ ADD A SPLASH OF COLOUR

Brighten up rooms with pendant lights in bold shades – try Ikea for a similar lime-green lampshade



First impressions count, and as soon as they walked into this Sixties bungalow, Caroline and Richard Dixon felt it was the property for them. 'I've often heard people talk about getting that 50-second feeling when they walk into a house for sale – and that's exactly what we felt on our first visit,' says Caroline. The basic structure was good, and the unusual shape of this building means that the ceiling of the living area is asymmetric and vaulted, which gives the room added height, and makes it stand out from the average bungalow.

The couple knew this area of Bury St Edmunds well, having lived here for 30 years. Recently retired, Richard had been trawling the property websites for his next project. 'Having renovated a number of houses in the past, he decided it was time for a challenge,' says Caroline, who shared her husband's positive approach.

'Richard christened it the ugly bungalow, but he had a vision of what we could do with it and thankfully I felt the same way. I knew we'd have to live in the house throughout the renovation, though, so it was going to be difficult,' says Caroline.

With small, dark rooms and old wallpaper on every wall and even on the ceilings, an ancient kitchen and bathroom, floors that had also seen better days, plus an overgrown garden, it certainly took imagination to see the potential. 'Because the bungalow needed complete renovation, we decided initially to concentrate on the internal work. The house was structurally sound, but virtually everything else ▶





*'Open-plan living suits us much better nowadays'*

**↑ EXTRA HEIGHT**

Caroline used oversized mirrors to reflect natural light from the patio. For a similar green sofa, try the Escape in lime, and matching footstool, both DFS. Team with an accent rug from B&Q

**→ CREATING A FLOW**

The couple linked the kitchen and living-room area by using the same floor tiles on the chimney breast around the stove







*'We concentrated on internal work, but virtually everything in our house needed major attention'*



#### ↑ NEUTRAL ZONE

Pale blues make this a relaxing space. For similar wallpaper, try Coral Reef from Sanderson. Finish with nautical cushions

#### ← SPRING FRESH

Caroline had fun juxtaposing patterns. The throw is by Laura Ashley and the tulip print is from Dunelm

#### → STYLISH EN SUITE

The bathroom has a contemporary edge with lustre wall tiles. Try Verbena tiles at Walls and Floors for a mosaic look





needed major attention,' says Caroline. It had been rewired five years previously, but the cables had just been run along the surface of the walls in plastic conduits so the walls had to be chased out, and the cables embedded. The property also needed to be re-plumbed, and a new heating system installed. 'We put in underfloor heating in the en suite as I hate a cold bathroom in the morning,' she adds.

With the basics completed, the couple were able to start creating their dream home and reconfiguring rooms, to bring the property up to date. 'Back in the Sixties, kitchens were small and separate from the living and dining area, and the garden wasn't considered an entertaining space,' says Caroline. 'Even though the garden was a jungle, we knew it would play a central role in how we wanted to live.'

They decided to take down the wall between the kitchen and dining room to open up the space. 'This idea of open-plan living suits us much better nowadays,' explains Caroline. The dining room had only a small window and no outside access, so they replaced it with a wooden bi-fold door to blur the boundaries between the house and garden. Caroline says that they had no problem navigating their way through building control with these changes. Richard was project managing and kept a tight rein on the finances, as well as the building work and the fitting of the new kitchen, bathroom, en suite, cloakroom, utility, sliding wardrobes and hardwood flooring.

However, the work was not entirely without its challenges. 'The dust was something else. Unless you've experienced chasing walls – and floors too – you have no idea how bad it can get. I remember Richard working with goggles on, covered in white dust from head to foot,' says Caroline, who also contributed to some of the hard labour. 'When we came to tackling outside, rotavating the garden, I spent three days sieving the soil for stones and moss before we could sow new grass seed.' With ▶



## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Get the best from your space  
with clever details*



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### ↑ ENJOY COLOUR

Add contrast to a white living room with super-bright accents in vibrant tones on upholstery



### ↑ ENSURE SWEET DREAMS

Decorate a statement wall with a subtle wallpaper design to add a sense of calm to the bedroom



### ↑ MIRROR IMAGE

Create subtle interest with lamps in the same style but at different heights, such as Ikea's Lunta designs

## LUXURY SOAK

One of the high points of the project for Caroline was the installation of this free-standing Tabor bath from Better Bathrooms on its under-lit raised dais



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the dirty work finally behind them, they were able to start styling their new home. 'Fortunately, we both like the same kind of look – bright, clean and contemporary, but not to the exclusion of something with a touch of vintage. I think that's what makes a home yours, otherwise it's just a room set,' says Caroline.

With the wall between the dining room and kitchen removed, they decided to accentuate the new light and airy feel with plain walls. 'It's very striking, especially in the kitchen, where we've chosen glossy white units,' says Caroline. 'It's all so fresh and bright. And with the garden now a much more prominent feature through the bi-fold doors, we decided to reflect this springtime feel with plenty of citrus-green accessories. It really gives the kitchen some zing.'

Caroline also had fun in the living areas, incorporating cushions with dashes of red, orange and pink with a matching footstool, which brings the space to life. She has also placed two large horizontal mirrors on the back wall of the sitting room to reflect light and compensate for the fact the room only has one window.

'Over the four years we've lived here, we've really grown into the house,' says Caroline. 'When our family come to stay with us, we feel blessed to have this wonderful space in which to entertain them. However, after all the dust and upheaval, would we do it again? Somehow, I don't think so.' **GH**



## Good choice



£30 PER M

← Blendworth's Melody satin fabric features a pretty floral print

Lime looks striking against a white scheme. This lampshade (H20xDia30cm) can be used as a pendant, Hunkydory Home

£30



£25

← This vibrant Rainbow cushion (H40xW40cm) from Aspace will liven up a plain sofa

## Price patrol GET CAROLINE'S LOOK

Use accents of lime teamed with contemporary pieces for a fresh feel

## Luxury touch

→ Bring nature in with Villa Nova's Elveden Quince viscose linen



The Renoir three-light pendant comes with a shamrock green silk shade (H17.5xDia40cm), Dar Lighting

£180

£40 PER M

→ Add comfort with Amara's knitted Row Pinto dark natural stripe cushion (H45xW45cm)



£80

→ The yellow-green Dansbo cover on Ikea's Mellby armchair (H80xW78xD85cm) is removable and can be machine-washed



£195

← Habitat's Hyde green fabric armchair (H72xW70xD85cm) has modern metal legs and narrow-tapered arms that give it a sleek finish



£350

Soak in style with B&Q's Cooke & Lewis Duchess acrylic oval freestanding bath (H59xW168xD74cm), which is designed to be placed against a wall

£378



The traditional-style resin feet on Bathstore's Cambridge roll-top bath (H63.5xW169xD78cm) give it a classic look

£599



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# *‘It just needed a fresh eye to make it work’*

Kathryn Carroll had admired this Brighton house for years, and realised it could be the perfect family home







### **SOFT TOUCH**

Christian and Kathryn sit on one of two sofas from Sofa Workshop that's covered in Curzon velvet by Zoffany. The cushions in Sanderson's Lyric silk were made up by local upholster JJ Geary & Sons





## HOUSE DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Kathryn Carroll, an interior designer, and her husband Rob, a graphic designer

**AGES** 40 and 44

**FAMILY** Eden, 14, Scarlet, 9, and Christian, 7

**LOCATION** Brighton

**PROPERTY** Georgian terraced house with four bedrooms

### QUICK BUDGET

#### BREAKDOWN

<b>Interior refit</b>	£100,000
<b>Landscaping</b>	£3,000
<b>Flooring</b>	£25,000
<b>Bathrooms</b>	£10,000
<b>Appliances</b>	£2,570
<b>Bathrooms</b>	£900
<b>Furnishings</b>	£18,000

**TOTAL** £159,470

### PURCHASE PRICE

£1.1M

### OUTLAY TO DATE

£159,470

### VALUED NOW AT

£1.3M



## ← STUNNING FEATURE

The floor-to-ceiling windows in the living room are flanked by curtains made in a bold floral fabric; for similar, try curiosity 004 by Blendworth. For flooring like this, consider the chalked brown engineered oak from Green Leaf Wood Floors

## → RELAXING ATMOSPHERE

Farrow & Ball's light gray is an elegant, calming choice for the living-room walls

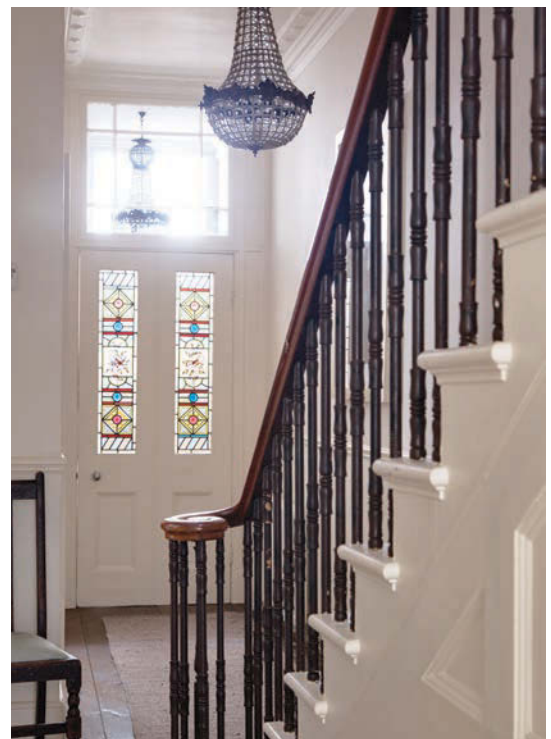
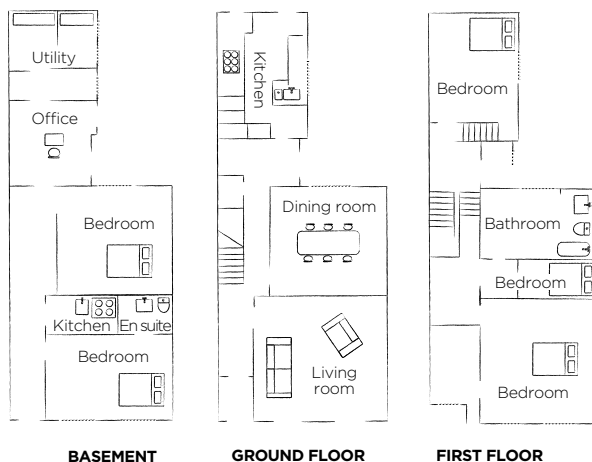
## ↘ CLASSIC STYLE

An antique black chandelier is an impressive feature in the hallway. Kathryn sourced two more to match, available from The Conservatory in Brighton



## → VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

This Georgian house has three bedrooms and a family bathroom on the first floor, plus a fourth bedroom and bathroom on the second floor. The basement has been converted to incorporate a self-contained flat, a guest suite and an office





## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Pick quality furnishings that are both elegant and practical*



### ↑ CHOOSE HANDCRAFTED PIECES

Source wooden bowls and boards with beautiful natural grains for a rustic, homespun look



### ↑ INTRODUCE QUIRKY ANTIQUES

Look for classic furniture, such as a bureau bookcase, or upholster an old armchair in an eclectic fabric



### ↑ KEEP IT TRADITIONAL

Display an ornate mirror on a mantelpiece and add matching silver pieces for a timeless feel



Having friends in Brighton meant that Kathryn Carroll was a regular visitor to the city. She'd long admired an elegant stucco terrace in the centre of town, built in the 1840s in Regency style. So when she and husband Rob decided to relocate there from London with the family, they couldn't believe their luck when they learned that one of the houses in the terrace was for sale. 'We'd sold our home and had weeks to move,' she says. 'There were only a couple of places available in the area at the time, and this was one of them.' There wasn't a sign outside, but by phoning around the estate agents, they discovered the house was on the market. 'It was such a beautiful property – we had to buy it.'

Before moving, Kathryn had already worked out what she wanted to achieve in their new home. The house is built on three floors, with a self-contained basement flat, which they decided to redesign. 'I pored over the floorplans and came up with a solution to make the space work better,' she says. 'We moved in on the Saturday and our builders turned up on the Monday. You could say we hit the ground running.'

Kathryn, an interior designer, had taken on large projects in the past. However, the Grade II listed status of her new home made the project problematic. She says: 'It pretty much dictated the layout and made it essential to retain the existing internal fabric.' The conservation officer also needed to be involved at each stage. 'I was keen to take the house back to the original design as much as possible, so we were both on the same side,' says Kathryn. The previous owner hadn't been as sympathetic to the interior, and had even blocked up fireplaces and some of the windows.

The first thing that Kathryn did when they moved in was reconfigure the basement. She wanted to create a self-contained flat, a guest suite and an office for ►





**↑ FUNCTIONAL DESIGNS**

Simple white china and wooden bowls create a pared-back look. The Mickey Mouse print is by Greg Haberny

**↗ COLOUR CONTRASTS**

White worktops offset the warm wood cabinets, while chrome finishes add a contemporary feel

**→ RICH TONES**

Kathryn added drama in the dining room by using Farrow & Ball's Iulworth blue paint on the walls, and Sanderson's Lyric silk for the curtains







*'It was a case of stripping back the property to its former glory'*



#### ↑ **TACTILE LOOK**

Kathryn loves fabric and chose faux fur and velvet upholstery for her bedroom

#### ↗ **VIBRANT PATTERN**

The existing Richmond bath from Victoria & Albert Baths was retained and damask wallpaper from Zoffany was used to create a bold backdrop

#### ← **SUBTLE GLAMOUR**

To make her bedroom a chic retreat, Kathryn included soft greys and mirrored furniture

Rob so he could carry on working during the renovation. To achieve this, she cleverly swapped rooms around internally to create a layout that worked better for everyone.

Once the basement was completed, the rest of the house could be tackled. Kathryn again accepted the basic structure, but she modified a couple of rooms, including the top floor, to make a good-sized fourth bedroom. They also moved an en suite to create a family bathroom on the first floor. 'We reused as much as we could, such as the bath, which was in perfectly fine condition. By doing this we could spend more of the budget on bigger things like refurbishing the windows and doors.'

The main living space is on the ground floor, with the kitchen at the back facing on to the garden. The dining room and the large living room are also on that level, with a balcony overlooking the front garden. On the first floor the main bedroom and a dressing room face the street, with a further two bedrooms and a bathroom. Up a flight of stairs there is another bedroom and en suite bathroom.

'It was a case of stripping back the property to its former glory, but allowing it to work as a family home,' says Kathryn. The tired decoration called for a complete makeover, and the building also needed rewiring throughout. Old carpets and wallpaper were peeled away, revealing multiple layers, which gave a fascinating insight into the different eras the house had gone through.

The groundwork was to prove time-consuming and costly. Even the Anaglypta wallpaper in the hall took three weeks to remove. 'It was a shame, as some of it was vintage, but it had been badly damaged so we couldn't keep it.' The floors were also in such poor condition that new wooden flooring had to be laid. One of the most





exciting moments was taking out the gas fires and uncovering the original fireplaces. Fortunately, the chimneys were in full working order and just needed sweeping.

The whole refurbishment took three months, with six men working on it every day. 'It was difficult living here with three children while the work was going on,' says Kathryn, 'but we had to keep tabs on what was happening.' As the refurbishment used up most of the budget, Kathryn kept the kitchen as it was. 'It isn't what I'd have chosen, but it was relatively new, and it seemed madness to rip it out.'

As each room was stripped out, the fun of choosing colours and furnishings could begin. Walls have been painted throughout in shades that reflect the function of the rooms, such as a light-enhancing off-white in the kitchen, a dramatic rich blue in the dining room and relaxing neutrals and metallic papers in the bedrooms.

Kathryn didn't let the grand architecture dictate her style when it came to buying furniture: she's used a mix of modern classics, which give a cool, spacious feel. She loves beautiful fabrics, and has hung luxurious silk curtains in the dining room. In the main bedroom, soft colours, muted metallic wallpapers and mirrored furniture have created a Thirties boudoir effect. Kathryn has also opted for bold Zoffany wallpaper in the bathroom, which lifts the room and makes it feel glamorous.

Kathryn focused on the great features of the house, and enhanced them with her highly original signature style. Now that her home has been allowed to breathe again, she and her family can relax and appreciate it. 'Perhaps I will find the energy to do stage two, whatever that may be,' says Kathryn. 'A house like this can be a lifetime's work and you have to know when to stop. For now, I'm content to just enjoy it.' **GH**

## IDEAS TO STEAL

*A few sparkly details will inject a feeling of luxury into your scheme*

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### ↑ CREATE AN IMPACT

Hang a large crystal chandelier in a hallway for an impressive entrance, as Kathryn has done



### ↑ FIND VINTAGE DESIGNS

Start a collection of pretty antique glasses, such as these gilded, floral-etched examples



### ↑ GO FOR GLITZ

Bring a silvery shimmer to a room by covering one wall in delicately printed metallic wallpaper



## Good choice

→ Comprising hundreds of chunky wooden beads, the Wahalla chandelier (H51xDia38cm) will make a striking impression, Out There Interiors

→ Romo's Madigan indigo is a stylised jacquard that's been finely woven for an embroidered look. Use it with taupes for a sophisticated scheme



£710

£60 PER M



## Luxury touch

← The Ashanti large three-tiered black chain chandelier (H245xDia85cm) creates a spectacular veil-like effect when lit in a dark room, Alexander & Pearl

← Perfect for curtains and blinds, GP&J Baker's Larkhill charcoal linen has a large-stitch floral design in beige, from Fabrics & Papers



£1,195



£120 PER M

## Price patrol GET KATHRYN'S LOOK

Choose deep blues, mirrored finishes and glamorous buys for an elegant interior

↑ Add a spot of opulence with this Venetian contemporary console (H76xW100xD35cm), Sweetpea & Willow

£318



£32 PER 25LTR



← A chalky blue, such as this smart matt emulsion from Craig & Rose, looks smart and fresh when teamed with pure white

→ Go for a bold tone with Farrow & Ball's pitch blue modern emulsion, which has a hint of magenta to give it a punch

£42 PER 25LTR



↓ Fishpools has a great selection of bed frames, and its Gayle double (H137xW137xD208cm) in antique nickel is an attractive choice

£579



£1,449



↑ The Blyth double bedstead in nickel (H137xW142x D201cm) will suit most bedrooms, The Original Bedstead Company

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# *'I love the industrial look'*

Maree Parsons wanted a stylish urban feel when she revamped her home in south London

## **STREAMLINED FEEL**

Inspired by Scandinavian design, Maree has created a practical and attractive kitchen. Normann Copenhagen lights from Bodie and Fou and the Tolix stools from Cult Furniture add to the utilitarian look









*'Lighting is an important factor in the kitchen'*



## HOUSE DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Maree Parsons, an educational consultant, and her husband Gareth, a wealth manager

**AGES** Both 35

**FAMILY** Maisie, 5, and Flynn, 3

**LOCATION** Balham, south London

**PROPERTY** Five-bedroom Victorian terrace

### QUICK BUDGET BREAKDOWN

<b>Extension</b>	£75,000
<b>Loft conversion</b>	£40,000
<b>Landscaping</b>	£6,000
<b>Bathrooms</b>	£10,000
<b>Kitchen</b>	£35,000
<b>Furniture</b>	£10,000
<b>Decorating</b>	£7,500
<b>Flooring</b>	£6,500

**TOTAL** £190,000

### PURCHASE PRICE

**£785,000**

### OUTLAY TO DATE

**£190,000**

### VALUED NOW AT

**£1.2M**

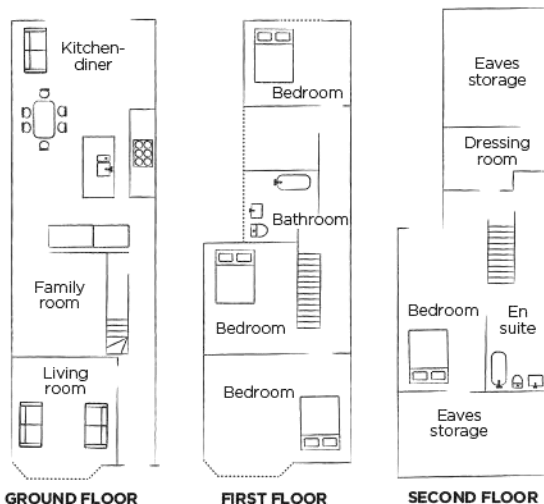


## ← STATEMENT STYLE

The metal-framed doors by Jennyfields at the back of the house are a striking feature. Maree was keen to use them, along with the concrete worktop, to complement the urban feel

## → BRIGHT SPACE

The pitched glass roof in the side return area of the extension floods the room with natural light. The Douglas fir wide plank waxed floors complete the sleek look



## ← VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

A ground-floor extension allowed for an open-plan kitchen diner, leading on to the garden. The loft conversion created a main bedroom with en suite and dressing room. There are four further bedrooms





↓ **CHIC CORNER**

One of a pair of statement mirrors from Brissi fits neatly into the alcove next to the chimney breast



No matter where you look in Maree Parsons' Balham home, every room and every corner has been thoughtfully designed and put together. From the stylish industrial-inspired kitchen to the boutique-hotel main bedroom and en-suite bathroom, each room has her original touch. Moving from a two-bedroom flat into a large family house has enabled her to indulge her passion for interior design, while creating a practical living space for her growing family.

'I'm an interiors-magazine junkie and I get lots of ideas from Pinterest,' explains Maree. 'I have a book full of ideas which I've gathered over the years and it's been extremely useful in helping me establish the look of our new home.'

She bases her style on a clever mix of old and new, and likes things to look different from mainstream high-street trends. 'Any independent interiors shop, whether antique or modern, attracts my attention as I love to browse and find unusual pieces,' she says. She also likes to customise things to put her own stamp on them. 'I have a collection of Farrow & Ball paint tester pots, which come in very useful when an old piece of furniture needs a new look. I have also been known to buy something from Ikea one day and repaint it the next, as it's a great way of personalising something.'

Maree was keen to extend the original kitchen and add an extension to create an airy, open-plan living space where the family could spend most of its time ►







### ↑ GREY TONES

Maree's artwork by John Lowrie Morrison adds a dramatic touch of colour to the elegant living room

### → STRAIGHT LINES

'I wanted to keep the hallway fuss-free as there is so much interest elsewhere in the house,' says Maree. She painted the panelling in cornforth white by Farrow & Ball for a fresh, clean look



## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Be relaxed about mixing and matching different styles*



### ↑ INVEST IN A CLASSIC DESIGN

Spend on furniture that will last the test of time, like these Windsor chairs, designed by Poul Volther in the Sixties



### ↑ REPURPOSE VINTAGE ITEMS

Use a wire basket to store a collection of magazines and newspapers, as Maree has done



### ↑ INCLUDE LOTS OF TEXTURES

Accentuate tactile finishes, such as metal window frames, soft wooden floorboards and distressed wood





#### ← **PERSONAL ORGANISER**

The smart dressing room designed by Conley & Co not only provides masses of storage, but makes a feature of it, with a bold paint colour – mole's breath by Farrow & Ball – and leather handles by Holloways of Ludlow

#### → **CLEAR VIEW**

The glass partition from the bedroom to the bathroom is a clever way of dividing the space without blocking the light

#### ↓ **TAILORED TO FIT**

The en-suite bathroom is an understated design, with a walk-in shower and matching floor and wall tiles



together. She was also considering a loft conversion, but with no experience in home renovation, she decided to seek professional help, and was happy to come across Conley & Co, a company that specialises in residential design and renovation. 'When I met Anna and Chris Richmond who run the firm, I could see instantly that we shared a similar viewpoint, and they recognised what I was trying to achieve,' says Maree. 'I showed them images of what I liked and they came up with design ideas and solutions based on my initial thoughts.'

Maree does stress that living in the house for two years before the changes were made was incredibly useful as it gave her an insight into what would work practically. 'I didn't want a typical kitchen extension with sliding doors on to the garden,' she says. 'I love the industrial look and Crittall-style doors provided the perfect solution for the back of the house.' They not only let in lots of light but have also become a stunning feature in their own right. 'I was also keen to use concrete – I love its edginess. Anna and Chris suggested concrete worktops and white kitchen units with clean lines and no handles,' Maree adds. 'This room is now both practical and stylish, which satisfies me on both levels.'

Lighting was also an important factor in the kitchen, particularly something original and eye-catching to hang over the central island unit. 'I don't like the obvious,' explains Maree. 'I'd seen lots of lights but I was aiming for a certain look which I couldn't quite find. Eventually I stumbled upon some big grey pendants in a café at an airport and they came closest to what I'd imagined. After searching ►







*I'm an interiors-  
magazine junkie  
and I get lots of  
ideas from  
Pinterest'*







## *'You can never have enough storage in a family home'*

for a long time on the internet, I found these wonderful oversized bell lamps by Danish designer Normann Copenhagen. They were in such a distinctive shape and dense colour that I knew they would work instantly.'

Another must-have for Maree was wooden flooring in the kitchen. 'I'd seen the Dinesen floor in the Saatchi Gallery and fell in love with the uniqueness of the Douglas fir wood,' she says. Maree discovered that a company called Waxed Floors also stocked waxed Douglas fir, so decided on a light wood with a purple hue running through it. 'It couldn't have worked better. Although it was expensive, it really is beautiful, and I know it will be worth the initial outlay.'

Conley & Co was also on hand to open up the property's loft space, creating a luxurious master bedroom suite for the couple complete with sunken bath, walk-in shower and a useful dressing room. 'Sometimes loft conversions can feel a bit small and cramped,' says Maree, 'but Anna and Chris designed a light-filled spacious room using the same Crittall theme as downstairs.'

Instead of a wall to divide the bedroom and bathroom, a glass partition with a metal frame opens up the whole room and the double walk-in shower has made use of a corridor behind the sink unit which was formerly dead space. Anna and Chris' creative and efficient use of the layout helped incorporate plenty of smart solutions for keeping their belongings hidden away. 'You can never have enough storage in a family home,' adds Maree. And their suggestion of a dressing room with plenty of cupboards, not to mention the stylish leather handles, was the icing on the cake for Maree. She also loves having an extra-large bed. 'It's so comfortable. The whole family can easily spread out in it, which is ideal for lazy Sunday mornings.'

Maree adores her meticulously designed home, but her favourite room is the kitchen. 'I love everything about it - the colours, the lighting, the glass, the family room next door and the link with the garden. It's the hub of our home. Our house is what I always dreamed it would be for the people who matter most to me.' **GH**



### ↑ FUN SCHEME

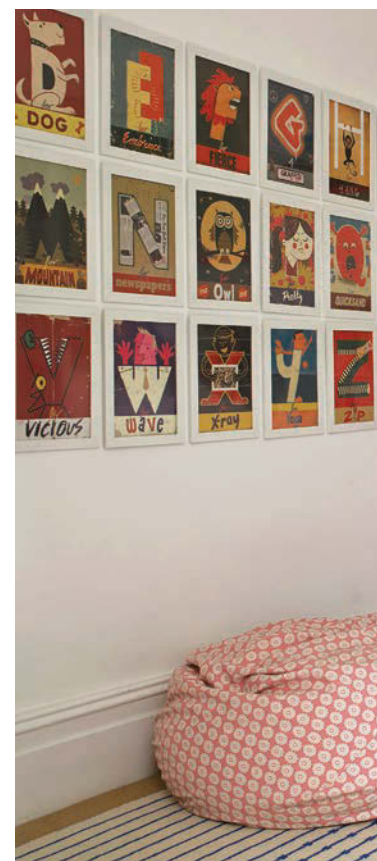
Maisie's room is decorated with pretty accessories and the walls are painted in soft-toned slipper satin by Farrow & Ball

### ↖ HOME COMFORTS

A splash of colour is added to this neutral scheme through bold cushions from Designers Guild

### → ACTIVITY AREA

Maree was keen to link the family room to the kitchen. She decorated it with beanbags from Aspace and prints from the book *Paul Thurlby's Alphabet*







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## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Like Maree, give your home  
subtle designer influence*

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### ↑ USE SIMPLE TONES

Complement neutral colours in a  
hallway with this Dart stair runner  
in midnight by Roger Oates



### ↑ KEEP IT TIDY

Install handy storage space for shoes  
under a windowsill to make the most  
of the light and space



### ↑ MAKE A STATEMENT

Create a focal point in the kitchen  
with bold lighting, such as these  
oversized industrial-style bell lamps



## Good choice



↑ The Quartz lounge footstool (H47xW130xD48cm) in grey with contrasting dark legs is available in six colour variations from Dfs

→ The J110 Hay chair (H106xW53xD60cm) in natural beech wood features a high back for more comfortable lounging, Do South Shop



← Cosy up with B&Q's Malban knitted throw (H170xW150cm) in wisteria with a tassel-edge finish



↑ A concrete-effect Parry pendant light (Dia22.5cm) is a great choice for a minimal scheme, John Lewis



↑ Choose from a selection of foot options with the Foxtail double bedstead (H130xW143xD201cm) from Button & Sprung

## Luxury touch



↑ Marks & Spencer's Salisbury footstool in malva in pebble (H38xW93xD58cm) has a hinge-top that's ideal for stylish storage

← The U-shaped ladder-back of this Ercol Quaker dining chair (H100xW49xD60cm) will bring a retro look to your scheme, Barker & Stonehouse



→ This cob-weave throw (H183xW150cm) in lavender from Berry Red, is perfect for adding interest to a plain sofa



↑ For loft apartment chic, this stunning metal Out There Interiors' Factory light (Dia50cm) fits the bill



↑ Featuring a button-backed headboard, the Valentin (H143xW143xD201cm) from Sofa.com is shown in slate highland tweed

## Price patrol GET MAREE'S LOOK

Add industrial elements  
with hotel-chic furniture  
for a modern home

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# 'Our home reflects the things we love'

Designer Jen Taylor used her creative flair and eye for vintage finds to furnish this London flat with an inspiring mix of old and new



## WARM WELCOME

Sunshine now pours through Jen's door, and the clever colour scheme of mid-toned wood, citrus green and grey makes the dining room feel very inviting





## HOUSE DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Jen Taylor, a designer and  
Hari Phillips, an architect

**AGES** 40 and 41

**FAMILY** Dylan, 6

### LOCATION

South-east London

**PROPERTY** Top-floor  
three-bedroom Victorian flat

### QUICK BUDGET

#### BREAKDOWN

<b>Construction</b>	£90,000
<b>Architect's fees</b>	£15,000
<b>Loft conversion</b>	£50,000
<b>Kitchen &amp; bathroom</b>	£15,000
<b>Furniture</b>	£10,000
<b>Decorating</b>	£5,000
<b>Flooring</b>	£10,000

**TOTAL** £195,000

### PURCHASE PRICE

**£360,000**

### OUTLAY TO DATE

**£195,000**

### VALUED NOW AT

**£800,000**



#### ← INVENTIVE MIX

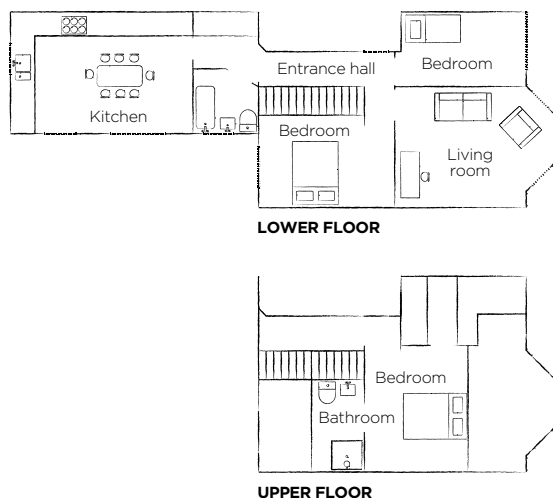
Jen has a talent for teaming different design elements. A Habitat dining table is complemented by a set of Danish mid-century chairs, which were an eBay find. The pretty vintage glass pendants hanging above are from Retrouvius

#### → STRIKING CONTRAST

Simple white Solar kitchen units from Ikea work well with decorative patterned tiles from the Andalucia range at Fired Earth. They look great set against walls painted in tideway by Dulux and pale grey Walton Uni flooring by Forbo



*'One goal was to make the kitchen as big and airy as possible'*



#### ← VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

This three-bedroom flat was converted by extending into the loft to create a main bedroom with en suite. A staircase was added to the first floor, and the space reconfigured to make a kitchen-diner, living room, two bedrooms and a family bathroom







## ← CREATING HARMONY

The family collection of books, photographs and other objects is pulled together by the picture over the fireplace, which has a light feel

## → SOFT PALETTE

Jen has created a relaxed feel in the living room with a neutral look. The walls continue the grey from elsewhere in the flat, but she has introduced a subtle mix of soft amethyst and mushroom brown. Colourful vintage vases lift the scheme

*‘We wanted something to put our own stamp on’*



With their son Dylan growing fast and extended family overseas, Jen Taylor and her husband Hari thought they would have to move to gain the extra bedroom space that they craved. Keen to stay in their area of south London, they emailed their neighbours in the former Peabody housing association block of flats where they lived to let them know they were looking for a

new home. ‘We were next door, but on the ground floor,’ explains Jen. ‘These are quality purpose-built flats. The rooms all have good proportions with period features and there is a lovely communal garden, so we didn’t want to move too far.’

Originally set up in 1862 by philanthropist George Peabody to house London’s needy, many of the original Peabody properties built in the late-19th and early-20th century have been sold on the open market to fund further home building. Luckily for the couple, a sale had just fallen through on the property they now call home. ‘We wanted something we could add our own stamp to,’ says Jen. ‘When we viewed this place, we realised it hadn’t been touched for decades, so it was completely unspoiled. Then we saw the height of the loft: it sealed the deal, as we knew we’d be able to extend into it. It has worked out well for us in terms of planning and project management, and we were able to buy privately rather than through an agent.’

The main challenge was where to site the staircase to the loft, which was to become the main bedroom and en-suite bathroom. ‘As it was going to be a bedroom, we couldn’t justify the cost of a dormer,’ explains Jen. ‘So we knew we would have to strengthen the joists and install Velux windows.’

Once they had established where the drain would have to be positioned to connect to the existing services, they were able to plan the new layout. Keen to make sure the hallway felt light, Hari and Jen chose to make the most of the existing structure ►





#### ↑ HOME OFFICE

A distinctive, modern-looking work area occupies a corner of the living room

#### → SENSE OF ORDER

Jen bought the Sputnik side table from mid-century antique dealer Mar-Den. The Danish sofa was found on eBay. Source similar cushions from Designers Guild





with a double-height space and a spectacular staircase with plywood balustrade. 'We wanted to make a feature of the stairs,' explains Hari, who runs architecture practice Bell Phillips. 'A solid balustrade would have blocked the light which floods in and neither of us fancied glass. Plywood offered a cost-effective and elegant solution. The staircase also makes it feel more like a maisonette, rather than a flat with a loft conversion, and there is plenty of storage underneath.'

While still living in their flat next door, Jen and Hari were able to submit their planning application and, once granted, oversee the four-month project through daily site visits. 'We would pop in before work to see if the builders had any questions and give them a list to check against,' says Jen.

Along the hallway, overlooking the communal garden at the back of the property, the kitchen was transformed into an open sociable space by knocking down the adjoining walls to the dining room. 'In our last place, the kitchen was so small that I would be cooking while everyone else was in the living room,' recalls Jen. 'I wanted to make this kitchen as big and airy as possible, so it would be the heart of the home. Everything happens here now. Dylan can do his homework, and when we entertain, friends can sit and chat while we cook.'

Although two design heads are often better than one, it can easily become difficult for an architect and designer to make decisions together about their own home. However, Jen and Hari managed to successfully unite their different ideas. Before switching careers to set up Hokolo, her homeware brand, Jen was the project architect for a luxury boutique hotel in London's South Kensington. 'It was the first project where I worked closely with a team of interior designers,' she says. 'The decor was sumptuous and I loved the richness of colour, pattern and texture.'

Wanting to inject some character into her own home, Jen opted for a stylish grey palette in the living room, hallway and kitchen. She has chosen a paler grey in the main bedroom, with one wall picked out in Cole & Son's iconic Woods wallpaper, ▶



#### ← MAIN FEATURE

Hari and Jen are delighted with the staircase which links the flat together. They went for a dark grey with quartz flint 1 emulsion by Dulux on the walls. The couple spotted the unusual ceramics by Myung Nam An at the Affordable Art Fair and knew they'd suit the space

#### → TIME TO PLAY

The bright yellow walls and the green Modena carpet from Vorwerk bring a fun feel to Dylan's bedroom. He loves his Gami Titouan bunk bed from Kids Beds Online with its desk space underneath







## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Personalise your home  
with confident choices*



### ↑ INTRODUCE CHARACTER

Use a range of tiles randomly  
to create a patchwork with a  
Moroccan feel on a kitchen wall



### ↑ PICK BRIGHT ACCESSORIES

Look for functional items in vibrant  
colours, such as this yellow stool,  
to add a fun touch



### ↑ INVEST IN RETRO

Choose delicate glass shades  
to create contrast in a room that  
has a bold mid-century feel



## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Be relaxed about mixing and matching different styles*



### ↑ INJECT COLOUR

Textiles in vibrant shades, such as this tea towel from Hokolo, brighten up everyday tasks



### ↑ VARY A THEME

Use this technique to make a stunning display with duplicated motifs, like these framed and mounted butterflies



### ↑ ADD INTEREST

Find objects in deep tones with an interesting finish, such as these teapots, to add texture to a scheme



*'This is the opposite of a typical architect's house'*



which was designed in 1959. With the light from the two Velux windows hitting the branches of the trees, it gives the room a welcome sense of having a view.

Dark-wood bedside tables harmonise with the headboard, and Jen has chosen an unusual screen effect behind the bed, up to where the roof begins to pitch, to disguise the attic feel. Chic bedside lights in olive green and pretty textiles and cushions further soften the feel. Furniture in bold, mid-century lines and glass pendants in a rich amber colour make this an unusual room with plenty of character.

The dining room is flooded with light from big windows, and the colours echo the main theme with a mixture of grey and citrus green. The overall effect is fresh and light, with comfortable original mid-century Danish dining chairs, found on eBay, recovered in a zesty fabric.

In the kitchen, Jen offset the sleek white units with a striking splashback created with a patchwork of Moroccan-style tiles in rich jewel tones. 'It's the opposite of a typical architect's home with bare white surfaces everywhere,' she says. 'Hari took a lot of convincing. Even the builders were tutting as they started painting, but everyone loved it when it was finished. Because we're on the top floor, the flat is



### ← SMART STYLING

There's a cosy feel to the main bedroom, enhanced by Woods wallpaper from Cole & Son which covers the far wall

### → PERFECT BALANCE

A stylish Scandinavian console and amber-hued glass pendants, from Emery & Cie in Belgium, provide a foil to the grey walls painted in tideway by Dulux

### ↘ RISE AND SHINE

Jen opted for a zingy orange palette in the family bathroom to contrast with the subtle grey elsewhere. The basin and bath are from Laufen, with taps by Grohe. Try Walls and Floors for similar tiles

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filled with light and can take darker shades.' For much of the flooring, Jen and Hari went for a pale grey Marmoleum not traditionally used in residential developments. 'We wanted a uniform feel without any joins between the rooms,' says Jen. 'It's used a lot in commercial developments as it looks like a poured resin floor, but is less expensive. The cost is in the installation as it needs a specialist, but it's easy to clean and things don't break if children drop them.'

The flat is peppered throughout with vintage mid-century furniture, which Jen, a keen eBay buyer with an eye for a bargain, has managed to pick up at affordable prices. There is also a close attention to detail in the carefully sourced Berker rotary light switches. 'Both Hari and I love modernist design,' explains Jen. 'The clean lines, honest materials and workmanship really appeal to us.'

Jen has also introduced some Chinese antiques to reflect her Hong Kong heritage as well as some quirky touches, such as the unusual ceramic artwork that adorns the walls in the hallway. 'I've injected warmth with bold colours,' she says. 'I also like the fantastic mix of old and new and East and West. It means that our home reflects all the things that we love.' **GH**





## Good choice



£250

↑ Beautifully made, the Hana li console table in oak (H77xW113xD37cm) features decorative dovetail joints and three handy drawers, Habitat



£55

Whatever your decorating style, Eclect Design's elegant brass and chain Gaze mirror (Dia38cm) will fit easily within any scheme



£89 FOR A PAIR

↑ Introduce some Scandi style with an oak and linen-effect chair (H80xW46xD53cm) from the Stockholm range at Tesco Direct



↓ These lovely Palladio tiles are hand-crafted decorative porcelain, Mandarin Stone

£119.70 PER SQM



£549

↑ For retro style, try Made.com's Jonah two-seater sofa in warm grey (H80xW160xD81cm)

## Luxury touch



£475

↑ Oak gives the Essence dressing table (H79xW125xD48.5cm) its timeless look, John Lewis



£245

The classic Hutton mirror (Dia53cm) is finished with a chic leather strap, The Chandelier & Mirror Company



£250 FOR A PAIR

↓ For a textured look, try The Winchester Tile Company's Persian-inspired Villette on Papyrus ceramic tile

£262.55 PER SQM



↑ The oak veneer Saturn dining chair's seat pad (H84xW45xD52cm) is easy-to-clean, Debenhams



£2,950

↑ A beech and elm Ercol Studio couch (H85xW206xD88cm) makes a style statement, Furniture Village

## Price patrol GET JEN'S LOOK

Mix retro-style furniture and patterns together to create a unique and uplifting scheme

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*Discover this season's latest trends, simple craft ideas and gorgeous colour schemes*

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## THE NEW MONOCHROME

Bring a black-and-white interior to life with touches of yellow



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## INTERIOR DESIGN COURSE

How to choose wallpaper to give your home a bold look

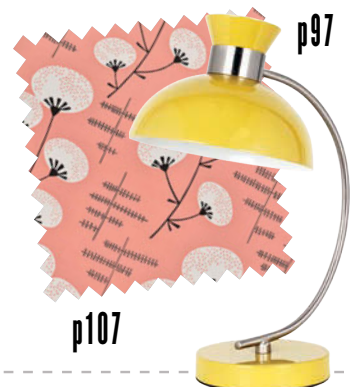
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## COLOUR BLOCKING

Use bright hues and soft textures for a calm-yet-vibrant bedroom

*Get the look*



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### HIGH SHINE

A modern nest of black-gloss side tables and coloured glass accessories give this room a grown-up feel



### GOOD IDEA

Don't limit yourself to just framing family photos. For a personal yet unexpected touch, display records, postcards or even a page from your favourite book



### STYLING TIP

*Mid-century furniture works perfectly with monochrome. Complete the look with a structured Sixties-style sofa covered in a subtle fabric*

### ← MIX AND MATCH

For a cohesive look, combine different prints in the same colours. Bold patterns, such as chevrons, stripes and geometrics, suit this scheme





# THE NEW monochrome

*Inject a shot of yellow for a fresh take on the classic black-and-white combination*



## Love this room

- Paint just the top half of walls yellow. It creates the illusion of space by drawing the eye upwards.
- Keep woodwork white and add soft grey tones in upholstery and flooring to ensure the room doesn't feel stark.
- Use interesting accessories in small doses for maximum impact – just one or two quirky elements is plenty.
- Break up an expanse of colour with pictures. Use frames in different sizes and line them up to create a focal point.



# Sunflower and crisp white

Combine this summery shade with a monochrome palette for a modern twist

## FEATURE WALL

A mural is a quick and easy way to introduce a bold pattern to a plain area



## STYLING TIP

Display art in unusual ways – an embroidery hoop makes a stylish frame, and postcards can be fixed to the wall with washi tape, which won't damage surfaces



## WHERE TO BUY

**LIVING ROOM** Wall painted in Albany witch hazel **vinyl matt emulsion**, £25.84 per 2.5ltr, Designer Paint. Easipanel **tongue and groove** (H51.6xW91.5cm), £9.29; **dado moulding** (H100cm), £5.29, both Homebase. Panelling painted in **white claypaint**, £32.74 per 2.5ltr, Earthborn. Perspective white brushed pine **flooring**, £27.99 per sqm, Quick-Step. For a similar **rug**, try Wool Biscayne in clearwater with cotton picallo sleet border (H120xW180cm), £256.08, Crucial Trading. Klippan **sofa** (H43xW180x D88cm), £180; Vejmon **coffee table** (Dia90cm), £90, both Ikea. Cloud grey cotton **sofa cover**, £179, Bemz. Blow-up small **table** (H44xW45cm), £176, Alessi. Nectar **lampshade** (H18xDia31cm), £99, Missprint. Record **frames** (17.8cm), £5.95 each,

Dotcomgiftshop. For similar silver and black **frames**, try Paperchase. Penguin **postcards**, £14.99 for 100, Waterstones. Beauty **postcard**, £8 for 18, The Calm Gallery. **Tiles in a box frame**, £70, Martha Mitchell Design. Rubbish Without You screen **print**, £40, Bianca Hall. For similar **cushions**, try George Home. For a similar **throw**, try Aspace. **Purse**, £15, Alphabet bags. Marimekko **mugs**, £16 each; **teapot**, £67, all Twentytwentyone. For a similar **plant pot**, try B&Q. For a similar **bowl**, try Cloudberry Living. Vitra Eames house **bird**, £138, John Lewis **TABLES** For a similar **nest of tables**, try Loaf. Snap **frames**, £20 for nine, Umbra. For a similar yellow **frame**, try Tiger **CUSHIONS** Selection of **cushions**, from £65 each, Ian Mankin. Eijffinger Stripes Only **wallpaper**, £47 per

10m roll (W52cm), Wallpaper Direct. Chinese wooden **trunk** (H38xW46xD77cm), £295, Oka **CIRCLES MURAL** Casadeco Fusion **mural** (H300xW110cm), £194.95, Select Wallpaper. For a similar **desk**, try Dwell. For similar **patterned vases**, try George Home. For a similar dogtooth **notebook**, try Zazzle. For a similar **black vase**, try George Home. For similar **magnifying glasses**, try Artisaniti. For a similar **bird cage**, try George Home **FIREPLACE Postcards**, £5 for four; similar **prints**, all Seventy Tree. Novara **black frame** (H12.7xW17.8cm), £12, Paperchase. MT matt black **washi tape** (1.5cm), £2.50, Fox & Star. Ribba **frame** (H40xW50cm), £7, Ikea. For a similar **lamp**, try Notonthehighstreet.com. For a similar **cross stitch kit**, try Hobbycraft. For a similar **squirrel ornament**, try Etsy





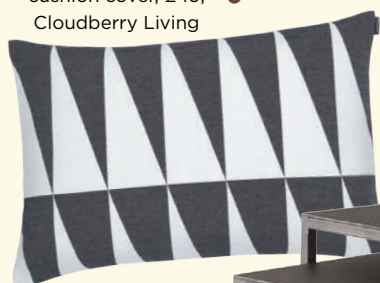
## GET THIS LOOK

Recreate this classic scheme with these key pieces

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↓ **BOLD DESIGN**  
Marimekko Ararat  
cushion cover, £49,  
Cloudberry Living



↓ **LITTLE BIRDS**  
Bone china mug,  
£9.95, Yours  
Sustainably



↑ **FIFTIES CHIC**  
Flocktail chair in  
Aldgate mustard  
(H74xW61xD69cm),  
£595, Luku Home



**NEW ANGLE**  
Astrid  
picture  
frame, £16,  
Oliver Bonas



↑ **STURDY STEEL**  
Nestor side tables,  
£295 for two, Loaf

↑ **LIGHT UP**  
Cosy Skandi  
retro desk  
lamp, £17.99,  
Dunelm



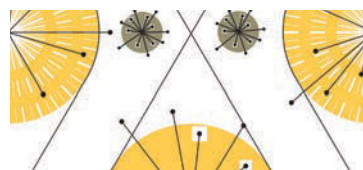
## Five of the best WALLPAPERS

Use elegant designs to add  
interest to your space



### ↑ SKETCHY DETAILS

Opt for a hand-drawn chair design.  
Tres Tintas Cadres, £64 per 10m roll  
(W53cm), Wallpaper Direct



### ↑ SIXTIES VIBE

A motif inspired by the sun. Botanical  
Bursts in summer yellow, £48.50 per  
10m roll (W52cm), Layla Faye



### ↑ SHADES OF GREY

Overlapping shapes create a  
contemporary look. Ida in fossil,  
£40 per 10m roll (W52cm), Villa Nova



### ↑ ICONIC PRINT

This designer pattern will never date.  
Orla Kiely Linear Stem in mimosa, £55  
per 10m roll (W52cm), Harlequin



### ↑ INKY RINGS

Large brushstroke ovals are sure to  
make a statement. Wabi Sabi Loop in  
jet, £36 per 10m roll (W52cm), Scion

## THREE OF THE BEST mood paints

### 1 SOFT & SOOTHING

Skylight estate emulsion,  
£38 per 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball

### 2 FEELING FRUITY

Banana matt emulsion,  
£25 per 2.5ltr, Habitat

### 3 COOL CUSTOMER

Slate grey home of colour  
matt emulsion, £14.99  
per 2.5ltr, Homebase

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### ART GALLERY

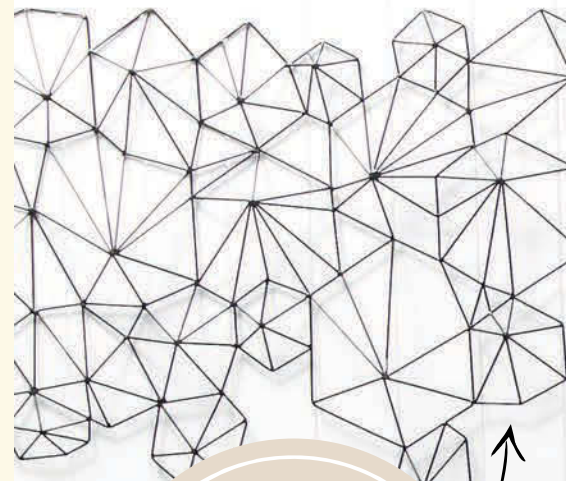
Graphic prints  
offer a simple  
way to transform  
white walls with  
injections of  
pattern and colour





### STRONG SILHOUETTES

Pick eye-catching pieces, such as this curvy lamp and butterfly-shaped chair



### STYLING TIP

*Striking wire accessories, such as this wall art and pendant, add interest and texture while keeping the look light and airy*

### GOOD IDEA

No room for a dresser? Display patterned plates on a plain wall to create a stylish display in the smallest of spaces

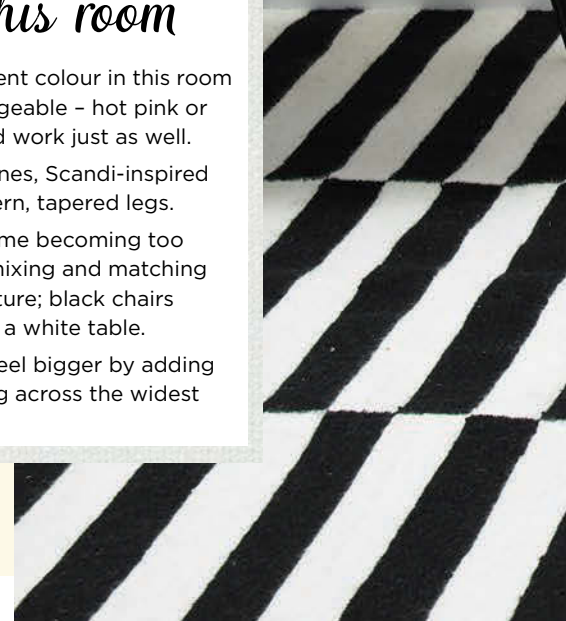


### ← DIVERSE COLLECTION

Mix and match an assortment of china plates in various eclectic black-and-white designs

### Love this room

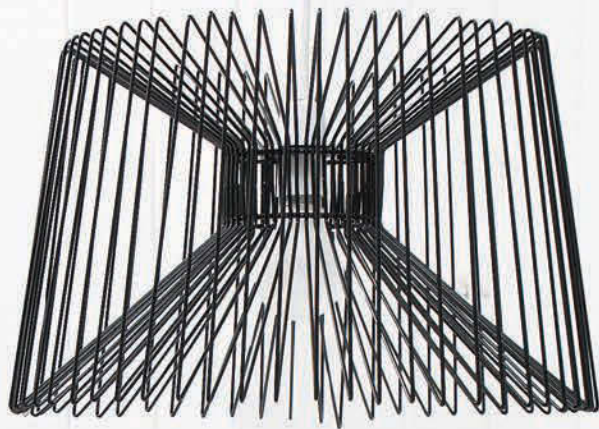
- The yellow accent colour in this room is easily interchangeable – hot pink or apple green would work just as well.
- Opt for clean lines, Scandi-inspired designs and modern, tapered legs.
- Avoid the scheme becoming too co-ordinated by mixing and matching dining-room furniture; black chairs look great around a white table.
- Make a space feel bigger by adding a large, striped rug across the widest part of the floor.





# GO BOLD WITH *graphic shapes*

*Strong lines and contemporary pieces give this on-trend dining room a decadent, design-led feel*





# Bright yellow and jet black

*Use white as a base, then add sleek buys to create a grown-up interior*

## STYLING TIP

*You don't always need to frame artwork to display it on the wall – using bulldog clips means you can update the look in a flash*



### IN A BUBBLE

This quirky noticeboard will make a fun addition to a working area



## WHERE TO BUY

**DINING ROOM** Ercol **loveseat** in black satin (H78xW117xD53cm), £740; Ercol stacking **chairs** in black satin (H77xW45xD50cm), £330 each, all Heal's. For a similar **table**, try Ikea. Stockholm **rug** (H170xW240cm), £100, Ikea. For a similar **wall decoration**, try Melody Maison. For a similar **yellow silk cushion**, try Heal's. For a similar **patterned cushion**, try Ikea. For similar **dinner plates, side plates and bowls**, try House of Fraser. For similar **yellow dinner plates**, try Habitat. Montella **cutlery**, £100 for a 24-piece set,

Habitat. For similar black-gloss **placemats**, try Next. For similar **vases**, try Ikea. For a similar wire **light shade**, try Next. For similar **glasses**, try Bhs **CHAIR & LAMP** For a similar **chair**, try Occa-Home. For a similar **lamp**, try Kartell at John Lewis. For a similar **cushion**, try Ikea. For a similar **mug**, try Clare Loves. For a similar **glass bowl**, try Ikea **ON WALL** For similar **plates**, try Marimekko at Amara **STUDY** Tres Tintas Cadres **wallpaper**, £64 per 10m roll, Wallpaper Direct. For a similar **clock**, try Red Candy. Wild & Wolf series 302

**phone**, £55, John Lewis. For a similar **desk**, try Ikea. For a similar **chair**, try Dwell. For a similar **lamp**, try Dunelm. For a similar **bin**, try Furnish. Penguin **postcards**, £14.99 for 100, Waterstones. For similar **bookends**, try Notonthehighstreet.com. For a similar **mug**, try Next **NOTICEBOARD** Talk **chalkboard** (W37xH43cm), £25, Umbra. Wall painted in Albany witch hazel **matt emulsion**, £25.84 per 2.5ltr, Designer Paint. Monochrome **postcards**, £5 for four, Seventy Tree. Penguin **postcards**, as before





## GET THIS LOOK

*Distinctive, carefully chosen pieces will give this room a lift*



↑ **STYLISH RATTAN**  
Echo pendant,  
£32, Next



**CITRUS DISH**  
Esmerelda yellow  
patterned dinner  
plate, £6, Habitat

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**SUNNY SEAT**  
Muuto Nerd  
chair (H80.5x  
W45.5xD50cm),  
£299, Occa-Home



↑ **GAME ON**  
Chess bookend set,  
£24.95 for two, Dwell



← **BAROQUE LIGHT**  
Kartell Bourgie lamp,  
£211, John Lewis



↑ **MODERN METAL**  
Yellow wire basket,  
£59.95, Furnish.co.uk

### THREE OF THE BEST *pale paints*

#### 1 MELLOW MOMENT

Happy daze matt emulsion,  
£19.49 per 2.5ltr, Crown Paints

#### 2 CLASSIC CHOICE

Dove slate paint mixing  
matt emulsion, £24.49  
per 2.5ltr, Dulux

#### 3 SUBTLE CHARM

Lemony Earthborn claypaint,  
£32.74 per 2.5ltr, Designer Paint

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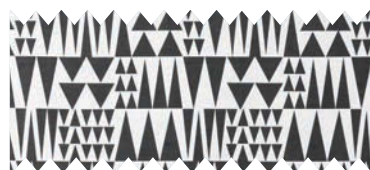
## Five of the best FABRICS

*Choose fresh designs  
for a vibrant edge*



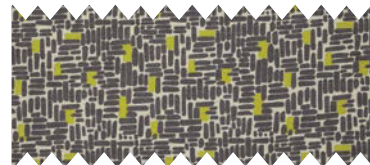
#### ↑ PRETTY PASTEL

In simple bands of yellow and cream,  
this material is perfect for curtains. York  
stripe cotton, £96 per m, Fermoie



#### ↑ NORDIC COOL

A graphic pattern inspired by a forest.  
Spria Jazz Scandinavian linen/cotton  
mix, £34.95 per m, Hus & Hem



#### ↑ FROM THE ARCHIVE

This retro print was originally a 1950s  
dress fabric. Bricks cotton/linen mix,  
£25 per m, John Lewis



#### ↑ BIG AND BOLD

Oversized florals will add a zing to  
any room. Carnaby cotton in maxi zest,  
£14 per m, Prestigious



#### ↑ GO FOR GOLD

Use this hard-wearing weave for  
upholstery. Lido F6360-23 polyester,  
£39 per m, Osborne & Little

### OFFICE CHIC

A sleek gloss-white desk and retro-style chair give this study a contemporary, streamlined finish



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# Interior DESIGN COURSE

*Planning a project, but not sure where to start? Dreaming of studying interior design? You can learn the basics in your own time, even if you're a beginner, with the inspirational Good Homes Interior Design Course*

## PART SIX

### Wallpaper

- + *Master the main types of wallpaper and where to use them*
- + *Learn how to prepare walls*
- + *Brush up on batch numbers, pattern repeats and different pasting methods*
- + *Find fresh ways to use wallpaper in your home*
- + *Discover how wallpaper can inspire your decorating schemes*
- + *Understand how to use murals*
- + *Check out the latest new-season prints and find one to suit your style and budget*

Familiarising yourself with the different kinds of wallpaper available and where to use them in your decorating projects is an important step on your journey to becoming a proficient interior designer. You'll need to consider many factors when choosing wallpaper, such as cost, style and practicality.

From foiled designs with metallic sheen to flocked, textured, luxury wallpaper and affordable, practical vinyl, there's a design out there for every project.

Before you start looking, it's important to think about the way you use the room you plan to decorate. Find out about various types of

papers and the qualities they lend, so you can pick a design that's suitable for the space. We show you how wallpaper can be used creatively in a room and how it can provide a starting point for a new decorating scheme.

The cost of wallpaper is an important factor to consider as prices vary hugely. High-street designs start from as little as £7 per roll, while handmade or bespoke paper can be as much as £200.

In this guide we also offer tips on preparing surfaces and hanging wallpaper to create a professional finish.

Following our advice will give you the confidence to select the right design and refresh your home with a beautiful new look.

#### BOLD PRINTS

Wallpapers from left: Berg chambray, £40; Makela Mono orchid, £40; Claremont cirrus, £43; Makela chambray, £40; all per 10m roll (W52cm), Villa Nova



# HOW TO get started

*Wallpaper is a great way to bring colour, pattern and texture to a decorating scheme. Quick and easy to apply, it allows you to transform a room instantly and create an impressive focal point. Start by considering the way you use the room you plan to wallpaper. If it's a lesser-used area that doesn't have to withstand heavy traffic, kids or pets, you could use a delicate flocked design, a shiny metallic foiled paper or even a hand-painted finish. If, however, you need to wallpaper a busy room that has to survive the rigours of family life, look for a tougher vinyl-coated design you can wipe clean. Always seek out special moisture-resistant ones for kitchens and bathrooms.*

## Learn the basic types of wallpaper

■ **EMBOSSSED/BLOWN** Textured wallpaper with a raised pattern that's pressed into the paper, creating a 3D effect that adds interest and depth.

**Best for** concealing imperfections in uneven or damaged walls.

■ **FLOCKED** Wallpaper with a velvet-like, tactile pattern that imitates textile wall coverings and has a striking look. It's delicate and not suitable to wipe down.

**Best for** creating a luxurious look in formal rooms that aren't busy, such as bedrooms and dining rooms.

■ **FOIL** A thin metallic sheet is applied to the paper to create a reflective finish that brings sheen and glamour to walls.

**Best for** walls that are perfectly flat, as foil shows every tiny lump and bump.

■ **VINYL-COATED** Printed paper treated with a protective covering, often PVC. This paper is wipeable and resistant to grease and moisture.

**Best for** bathrooms, kitchens and areas of the home that experience heavy traffic or are used by children or pets.

■ **MURALS** Usually a pictorial design that's printed across two or more strips of wallpaper and is intended to cover an area of wall without repeat. The image can be a digital print or a photograph.

**Best for** making a statement in a contemporary space.



Wallpapers from top:  
Facet olive; Garland cherry;  
Tiffany cherry; Atia tiramisu;  
Solitaire fossil, all £41 per 10m  
roll (W52cm), Villa Nova

### GO FOR A RUSTIC FEEL

Team white-painted furniture with delicate florals and stripes for a country-style scheme. Lay the table for tea and add fresh blooms to complete the look. Rossana pink/green wallpaper, £46 per 10m roll (W52cm); cushions in Rossana silk fabric, £69 per m; tablecloth in Bay Stripe fabric, £45 per m, all Jane Churchill





## EXPERT TIP

Factory-produced wallpaper is always printed in batches, and it's crucial that all the rolls you buy for a room have the same number on them – colours can vary and tiny differences will look obvious on your wall

## PREPARE THE BASE

Hanging wallpaper straight on to bare plaster walls never looks great – the paper will show any tiny imperfections and may look uneven. It's best to prime your walls first with heavy-weight paper such as Erfurt Smooth 1200 grade lining paper, £4.88 per 20m roll (which covers around 11.2 sqm). For maximum strength and smoothness, hang your lining paper horizontally, then apply the decorative wallpaper on top vertically.

### EMBRACE BOLD PATTERN

Sanderson's Zigzag Bloomsbury Canvas wallpaper, £45 per 10m roll (W52cm), was adapted from a 1930s fabric in the company's archive

## HOW TO *fix it to the wall*

### PASTE THE AREA

Some non-woven wallpaper is designed so you can apply paste to the wall, not the paper. It's great for speedy decorating when you're in a rush to get the job done.

### PASTE THE PAPER

Most wallpaper requires the reverse to be pasted with wallpaper paste before the paper is applied. Always follow the manufacturer's specific instructions. It's a bit more fiddly than paste-the-wall types if you're not an experienced paperer.

### SOAK THE PAPER (READY-PASTED)

This type of wallpaper has a thin layer of adhesive already applied to the reverse. You usually have to submerge the paper in water temporarily to soften and activate it. Many American-made wallpapers require this type of application.



# USE THE LATEST DESIGNS IN clever ways

*Wallpaper is a versatile material and if you think creatively you can achieve some impressive effects that will turn a plain scheme into a fabulous one. Rather than covering the whole room, you could add paper on just one wall to make a stand-out feature, or use individual panels to incorporate smaller areas of colour and pattern. If your home has sloping ceilings or alcoves, applying paper to these areas can emphasise the room's interesting architectural elements. Wallpaper can also make spaces look bigger, for example, by choosing stripes to stretch the walls and make rooms appear wider or ceilings higher.*

## EXPERT TIP

Buy samples of wallpaper and see how they might work in a room by including them on a mood board or holding them against flooring, paint or fabric. Order at least an A4 size so you can see the pattern clearly

### CREATE AN ILLUSION

Hanging striped wallpaper in two directions creates a feeling of movement that will bring your scheme to life. Here, the horizontal stripes make the room appear more spacious, while the vertical stripes help to elongate the wall, making the ceiling appear higher. Cavendish Stripe wallpaper in brush blue, £66.50 per 10m roll (W52cm), Little Greene



## PERSONALISE AN ALCOVE

Live up shelves with wallpaper panels

### PROVIDE A BACKDROP

Fit panels of wallpaper behind shelves for a subtle decorative detail. Here, the large-scale leaf pattern creates an understated background to display your favourite treasures. Paint shelves in a complementary colour picked out from the wallpaper for a cohesive, tied-together look. Feuille wallpaper in BP 4901, £95 per 10m roll (W52cm), Farrow & Ball.





#### UPDATE A SLOPED CEILING

Create a fresh airy feel in a bedroom by covering the ceiling with a dainty patterned paper. Complete the look with whitewashed woodwork, natural flooring and introduce accessories in pale, sea blue.

Blue Birds wallpaper in off white/ seaspray blue, £33 per 10m roll (W53cm), Laura Ashley



#### ZONE A SPACE

Incorporate a splash of bold pattern that you wouldn't want on the whole wall by using a single, striking strip of paper. Zhivago wallpaper, £65 per 10m roll (W52cm), Nat Moks

### FIND THE RIGHT *floral wallpaper*



#### ↑ DELICATE BOTANICAL

Imperial wallpaper in Kew sage, £49.50 per 10m roll (W52cm), Ian Mankin



#### ↑ RETRO STYLE

Denver Dolly wallpaper, £59.95 per 10m roll (W52cm), Missprint



#### ↑ PAINTERLY BARGAIN

Renoir wallpaper in teal/coral, £9.99 per 10m roll (W53cm), Homebase



#### ↑ STYLISTED BLOOMS

Evie wallpaper in zest, £48 per 10m roll (W53cm), Prestigious Textiles



## CHOOSE PRINTS TO inspire a look

*Find a wallpaper you love and it could provide the starting point for your entire decorating scheme. Use the design to help you choose the rest of the furnishings and create a cohesive look. Before you begin your search, think about the mood you'd like the room to have. You could be guided by colour, using the main shade in the wallpaper as the base and picking fabrics and furniture in similar or contrasting tones.*

*If the design has a motif, let this inspire the theme, and source accessories that continue the story. For a smart, streamlined look that's guaranteed to work, shop for matching wallpaper and fabric from the same company and use them both in the room.*

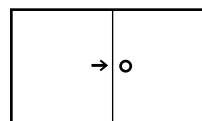
### PICK A CLASSIC DESIGN

This on-trend, Victorian-style palm-leaf wallpaper has inspired a tropical-themed room. Bentwood furniture, bare floorboards and fresh greenery combine to create a contemporary take on colonial chic. Honolulu Palm Green wallpaper, £20 per 10m roll (W52cm), Julien MacDonald for Graham & Brown



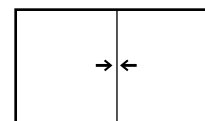
### GET TO KNOW PATTERN REPEATS

Align strips carefully to achieve a professional finish



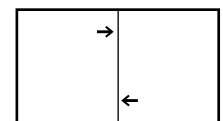
#### FREE MATCH

No matching is required, so however the paper is hung, it will look good. It's easy to work with and you can cut lengths without any waste.



#### STRAIGHT MATCH

This is when the pattern matches across the width of the paper. Read the instructions to see how often it repeats – for example, every 40cm.



#### OFFSET MATCH

The pattern match is achieved by halving the repeat. A 40cm/20cm label means the design repeats every 40cm and matches left to right every 20cm.





## EXPERT TIP

Get creative and make a quirky feature wall using pages from old books bought at charity shops, attractive vintage maps, an interesting selection of postcards, or your favourite sheet music

### CHOOSE A PAPER WITH MATCHING FABRIC

A fun bicycle-print wallpaper provides an eye-catching feature wall, while the same pattern is used elsewhere on curtains and a cushion cover, but in a larger scale, which keeps the look fresh and modern. Cykel 111102 wallpaper, £38 per 10m roll (W52cm); curtains and cushion in 120389 Cykel fabric, £28 per m; upholstery in Plains One 130431 and 130477 fabrics, both £30 per m; cushion in Lotta 120376 fabric, £28 per m, all Levande collection at Scion

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### INTRODUCE A THEME

A boat print paper sets the scene in this bathroom. Rope accessories and a maritime-style light complete the nautical look. Harbour Illustration blue wallpaper, £12.62 per 10m roll (W52cm), B&Q



## FIND THE RIGHT *motif wallpaper*



### ↑ KIDS' CHOICE

Teepees wallpaper in storm green/grey, £70 per 10m roll (W52cm), Hibou Home



### ↑ FLORA AND FAUNA

Heligan cream wallpaper, £12.39 per 10m roll (W52cm), B&Q



### ↑ PICTORIAL DRAMA

Albany London Theatres, £35 per 10m roll (W52cm), Wallpaperdirect



### ↑ WILDLIFE WATCH

Mr Fox NSW110847 in ginger, £36 per 10m roll (W52cm), Scion



# ADD INTEREST WITH a mural

*Want a contemporary look and a striking focal point? A mural is the answer. Forget twee, repeating patterns and traditional feature walls – one huge, digitally printed picture will provide maximum impact.*

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#### CO-ORDINATE THE FURNISHINGS

Use accessories that pick out colours in your mural. Here, contemporary chairs echo the orange and green in the map on the wall behind. Cut-to-size vintage world map mural, £55 per sqm, Purldeco



#### QUIRKY CHOICE

This vintage stamps collage is perfect for a bedroom. Boat stamps made-to-measure self-adhesive wall mural, £59.07 per sqm, Purlfrost

#### EXPERT TIP

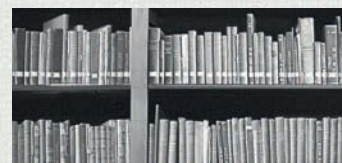
If you want to buy environmentally friendly wallpaper, look out for PEFC certification, which means the paper was sourced from sustainably managed forests



#### STICK TO PASTEL SHADES

A large-scale design in a spectrum of soft colours can add a playful yet calm element to a child's bedroom. Patchwork Girls Room Seven mural (H270xW186cm), £245, Paper Moon

## FIND THE RIGHT mural covering



#### ↑ READING ROOM

Bookshelf wall mural (H232x W315cm), £59.99, 1Wall



#### ↑ TIMBER EFFECT

Steampunk wood wall mural (H270x W212cm), £157.95, Galerie Wallcoverings



#### ↑ FOREST THEME

United Leaves wallpaper, £30 per sqm, Mr Perswall



#### ↑ FRESH DISPLAY

Pip Studio Flower Garland mural (H280xW186cm), £225, Wallpaperdirect

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MAKE IT SPECIAL

# Summer pastels

*Give your garden a fresh  
update with these outdoor  
projects in soft colours*

**SEW SIMPLE**

These easy makes will transform existing furniture into something special. Find out how to create this stylish bench cushion and deckchair cover over the page



## Polka-dot garden cushion

*Take the weight off your knees with a padded pillow*

### YOU WILL NEED

- Two 31cm lengths of 2.5cm wide twill tape
- Two 40x54cm rectangles cut from different oilcloth fabrics
- Paperclips
- Matching sewing thread
- 250g of 100 per cent high-loft polyester toy filling

**1** To create the handle, pin both ends of one length of twill tape to the right side of one oilcloth rectangle, as shown, so that the ends are even with one short edge of the oilcloth and are equal distances from the long edges. Repeat to pin the other length of tape to the other short edge of the same piece. Stitch each handle in place 1cm from the edge.

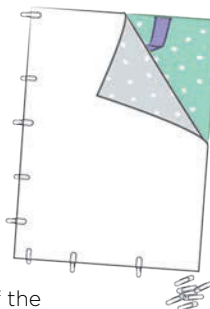


**2** Place the other oilcloth rectangle on top of the first one, with right sides together, sandwiching the handles between the

two layers.

To avoid damaging the fabric, paperclip in place around the edges, rather than pinning.

**3** Using a Teflon foot on your sewing machine, and starting and finishing at one of the shorter sides, stitch a 1cm seam, pivoting the fabric at the corners. Leave an opening of 15cm between the starting and finishing points. Snip off the corners of the seam allowances.



**4** Turn the kneeler right side out through the opening. Using a blunt-ended tool such as the rounded end of a chopstick, carefully push out the corners. Take a generous handful of filling and gently pull it apart to loosen it slightly. Insert it into the cover, starting in one of the corners farthest from the opening. Gently, but firmly, push the filling into the corner. Repeat with the other corner farthest from the opening, then fill the remaining space



using small amounts of additional filling at a time until it is firm and plump.

Fold in the seam allowances of the opening and paperclip in place, then stitch it closed using a Teflon foot.



## Stylish deckchair cover

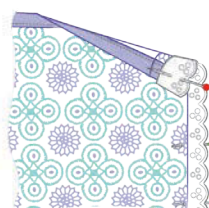
*Give this classic folding seat a new lease of life with decorative fabric*

### YOU WILL NEED

- Deckchair to cover
- One 467x126cm piece of cotton canvas fabric
- Two 47cm lengths of 1cm wide bias binding
- Matching sewing thread
- Two 126cm lengths of 2.5cm wide broderie anglaise trim
- Two 126cm lengths of ricrac

**1** To create a neat finish, use bias binding along the shorter edges of the canvas rectangle. To attach the bias binding, slot it over the raw edge, pin and sew in place.

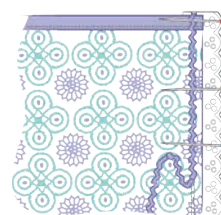
**2** Turn the two long lengths of the canvas rectangle under



by 1.5cm and press. Pin a length of broderie anglaise trim under each pressed side so the decorative detail projects beyond the hem. Stitch 1cm from the edge. For extra strength, stitch again 0.5cm from the edge.

**3** On the right side, pin ricrac over the double row of stitching, and hand-sew it in place using running stitch.

**4** Turn under the shorter ends of the canvas rectangle by 6cm. Press and pin in place. Stitch as close to the binding as you can, and then stitch again 1cm from each edge, creating a double row of stitching. This creates a tube of fabric at each end to slide over the deckchair's wooden dowels.







## Pretty bench pad

*Spruce up a garden seat with this easy-to-wash removable cover*

### YOU WILL NEED

- Foam precut to H5xW46xD112cm
- Pieces of cotton canvas cut to the following sizes:
  - Two of 48x114cm
  - Two of 48x7cm
  - One of 114x7cm for the gusset front
  - Two of 110x4.5cm for the gusset zipper panel
  - Two of 9x7cm for the gusset back
- One 100cm zip to match fabric
- Matching sewing thread

**1** Match the two gusset zipper panels with right sides together, and hand stitch a 2cm baste down one long edge (instead of pinning). Attach the zip to the seam using a machine zipper foot and remove the basting with an unpicker.

**2** With right sides together, pin one short edge of one of the gusset back pieces to one end of the zipper panel. Stitch a 1cm seam. Repeat to attach the other gusset back piece to the other end of the zipper panel. Remove pins.

**3** With right sides together, pin one short edge of a gusset end piece to one short edge of the gusset back. Stitch a 1cm seam, starting and stopping 1cm from the ends of the seam. Repeat to attach the other gusset end piece to the other short edge of the gusset back. Finally, join the remaining short edge of each gusset end piece to the short edges of the gusset front in the same way. Press the seams open. Remove pins.

**4** Pin the upper edge of the gusset to the top piece, with right sides together and matching the corner seams to the corners of the top piece. Stitch a 1cm seam around all four edges, pivoting the fabric at the corners. (The unstitched portions at the ends of the gusset seams will open up to allow you to do this.) Snip off the seam allowances at the corners. Remove pins.

**5** Open the zipper, pin the lower edge of the gusset to the bottom piece, and

stitch together as in step 3. Remove pins, then turn the cover right side out and use a tool with a blunt, rounded end, such as a chopstick to carefully push out the corners. Press the cover, insert the foam and close the zipper.

### STYLING TIP

*This seat pad measures H5xW46xD112cm and will fit a standard garden bench – just adjust the dimensions if your furniture is a different size*

GOOD CHOICE

*Finishing touch*  
*Make a pair of bolsters in a contrasting colour*







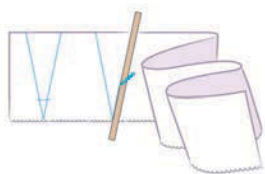
## Kids' tent

Create a shady spot for little ones with this hideaway

### YOU WILL NEED

- 500cm of 112cm-wide fabric
- Two 66cm lengths of 1cm wide ribbon
- 24 30cm lengths of 1cm wide ribbon
- Fray-stop liquid
- Bias binding
- Matching sewing thread
- Six wooden poles, each measuring H240xDia2.1cm
- Electric drill and vice
- Strong string or jute

1 Draw the following shapes on the wrong side of the fabric. Start with one door piece, which is 24.5cm wide on the selvedge and 45cm wide on the other edge. Then draw six triangles with their bases (41cm wide) on the selvedge, the triangles 41cm apart. These will be the top pieces. The fabric between the triangles will be the five bottom pieces and should each be 82cm wide. At the far end, draw a second door, the mirror image of the first. Cut out all the pieces, then cut off the upper point on the six top pieces so that each is 6cm wide.



2 Paint the ends of the ribbon with fray-stop liquid and leave to dry. Attach bias binding (see deckchair project for instructions) to the two edges that were at the ends of the fabric, which will be the inner edges of the two doors.

3 With right sides together, pin the upper edge of each door to the lower edge of the same top piece, with the bound edges of the doors overlapping each other by 8cm. Stitch a 1cm seam, press open, then bind the seam allowances together.

4 Pin the lower edge of another top piece to the upper edge of a bottom piece, with right sides together and raw edges matching. Stitch a 1cm seam, press open, and bind the seam allowances together. Repeat until you have six panels.

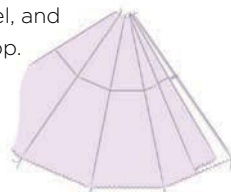
5 Pin a panel to the door along the long edges, with right sides together and the bound seam allowances matching. Pin one of the long ribbons into the pinned seam, 56cm up from the lower edge, with half the ribbon protruding on the inside and half on

the outside. Stitch a 1cm seam. Repeat to join a panel to the other long edge of the door panel, inserting the other long ribbon into this seam.

6 Join the other long edge of one of these two panels to the long edge of another panel in the same way as step 5, but omitting the ribbon. Repeat all the way around, until all six panels are joined along the long edges. Press the seams open.

7 Fold one of the shorter ribbons in half and place the folded end at the bottom of one of the side seams, at right angles, encasing both seam allowances. Pin in place. Pin three more ties, one 54cm away from the hem, one where the top meets the lower panel, and one 10cm from the top.

8 Repeat step 7 for the remaining five seams, and stitch each ribbon in place



along the existing seam line. Bind all the seam allowances together.

9 Now bind the top raw edge with bias binding. Secure a pole in your vice and carefully drill a 0.5cm hole 20cm from one end. Repeat for the other five. Thread string or jute through the holes and tie the poles together. Slot them through the top of the tent, splay them out, and pull the material down over the sides. On the inside, tie the ribbons around the poles to secure the fabric. Use the ribbons at the front to tie the doors open.



*Finishing touch*  
Set the scene for a children's party by adding bunting



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# Ideas *✿* Solutions *✿* Looks

# NEWS

*From outdoor paints to summery prints, keep ahead with our round-up of the latest in interiors*

## GARDEN UPDATE

Shed in juniper ash; bench in atomic red; both intelligent exterior eggshell, £29 per 1ltr



## REFRESH WOODWORK

Little Greene has added intelligent exterior eggshell paint to its extensive range. The new low-sheen finish is designed specifically for outdoor wood and metalwork, and as the paint is self-priming, it can be applied straight on to bare wood. Environmentally friendly, it's surface-dry within four hours.

### CALMING SHADE

Tivoli, £29 per 1ltr

### COOL HUE

Sky blue, £29 per 1ltr



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMARA

To celebrate its 10th year, the online retailer has unveiled an exclusive range of accessories with Missoni Home. The collection's pouffe and cushions are in iconic fabrics from the Missoni archive, as well as a limited-edition striped print, Roxas (pictured middle). Prices from £100 for a cushion.



## New wallpaper range for kids

If you're looking for inspiration for a child's bedroom, take a look at Galerie Wallcoverings' new Jack N Rose wallpaper range. Available in a variety of eye-catching prints and bright designs, there's a theme to suit every boy and girl, from newborns and toddlers to pre-teens. Prices start from £29.95 per 10m roll (W53cm).



### ← CUTE PRINT

My House wallpaper in aqua on white

Cupcake wallpaper in baby pink

Polka Dot wallpaper in pink



**CLEVER DESIGN**

Made-to-measure blinds  
start from £500

## KEEP COOL WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY

*Renowned for its bespoke window treatments, Thomas Sanderson's new range of intelligent blinds are ideal for conservatories. The honeycomb design of the Duette range traps an insulating layer of air between the blind and window – keeping the air inside cool, even on sunny days. Available in various fabrics and colours, they also boast blackout and noise-reducing properties.*

## DECORATING Q&A

*From inspiration to problem solving, we answer your questions*



**Q How can I display things in my kitchen without them collecting dust?**

**A** Kitchen specialist Magnet offers a showcase feature drawer (W80cm) as part of its ranges. This clever design allows you to create a personalised display without resulting in the normal dirt and dust that accumulates on open shelves. Prices start from £1,132 for an 80cm-wide drawer.



**Q I love the colour blocking trend. How can I use it in my bedroom?**

**A** The key to achieving a colourful yet calm bedroom look is adding contrasting textures. Temper down your bold paint shades with softer elements, such as this Eliza double bedstead upholstered in linwood omega pink, from Button & Sprung, £1,060.

## Holly does homeware



TV personality Holly Willoughby has launched a new interiors collection with Bhs. Inspired by her love of rustic French-country style, the range includes furniture, lighting, towels, decorative accessories, fragrance and bed linen – all in a grown-up palette of greys, smoked metals and textured glass. The products cost from £10 for a jar candle.





## Colourful collection

Better known for contemporary wallpapers and fabrics, Scion has teamed up with soft furnishing brand Bedeck to offer these zesty towels.

The designs are based on Scion's distinctive Scandi-inspired prints and motifs. Available online from [bedeckhome.com](http://bedeckhome.com), the 100% cotton bathroom essentials come in three sizes.



**FRESHEN UP**

Guest towel (H40x W60cm), £10

## Fashion for your sofa

If you're already a fan of French Connection's contemporary homeware, you'll love its Quartz range of sofas available exclusively at Dfs. Featuring modern, clean lines and available in muted colours such as navy, stone and taupe, they are ideal for creating a pared-back, industrial look. The range includes armchairs, sofas, a corner chaise and footstools.



**MODERN CLASSIC**

Quartz two-seater sofa, from £648

## Stylish oilcloths

Loved for its high-end design and modern Danish furniture, Boconcept has just launched a new range of contemporary oilcloths. High-quality and stain-resistant, they're perfect for protecting your tabletops and are easily cut to size. The range is available in a selection of attractive colours and prints.

**CHIC VINYL**  
Oilcloth,  
£19 per m

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## DESIGNER FOCUS

### CAROLINE GARDNER

*With a range of gardening accessories recently launched, we ask what inspires her colourful prints*

From painterly florals to heart motifs, Caroline Gardner's instantly recognisable prints are full of colourful charm. Much inspiration for these bold designs comes from her love of vintage fabrics. 'I'm a great collector of textiles,' Caroline reveals. 'I have piles and piles of them at home and boxes of buttons – I've always had a passion for pattern.'

After studying fine art and interiors, Caroline began her career designing greeting cards and wrapping paper. 'It provides great artistic scope and lots of space to play around with pattern,' she says. From there, these prints have been extended to a variety of homewares, available in her two newly opened boutiques in west London. 'The collection will continue to expand,' Caroline says. 'We're adding new patterns and shapes all the time. I love the colour-blocking we've used on our summer designs. We've paired unexpected colours – such as orange and pink, or green and pink – and mixed the textures, putting matt texture finishes alongside gloss finishes.'

Her own home is a personalised mix of contemporary furniture with one-off vintage pieces. 'We've picked up some amazing finds in markets over the years,' she says. 'I love the idea of taking a piece of vintage furniture and customising it to create something totally unique.'

#### FLORAL SET

Gloves, £14.50; seed tin, £12; watering can, £15





# Updating your KITCHEN & BATHROOM

*Inspiring projects full of sleek solutions and bright ideas to transform your busiest rooms*

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**'THIS SPACE WORKS FOR ALL THE FAMILY'**

A large extension gave Bev Philpott's home an open-plan area where everyone can spend time

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**'OUR KITCHEN IS THE HUB OF OUR HOME'**

Kate Reich's welcoming layout

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**'I COPIED MY OLD SCHEME'**

Amanda Bliss recreated her favourite Art Deco look

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## KITCHEN MAKEOVER 1

# ‘OUR KITCHEN IS THE HUB OF OUR HOME’

*Kate Reich extended her property to create a modern, open-plan space that’s now the centre of family life*



## KITCHEN DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Kate Reich, a dyslexia tutor, and husband Allon, a film producer

**FAMILY** Noah, 18, Leo, 15, and Ruby, 11

**LOCATION** North London

### PROPERTY

Four-storey, four-bedroom Victorian terrace

### COST OF NEW KITCHEN

<b>Units</b>	£8,500
<b>Appliances &amp; splashback</b>	£4,839.54
<b>Sink &amp; tap</b>	£377
<b>Lighting</b>	£536
<b>Furniture</b>	£1,920

**TOTAL** £16,172.54



After gradually refurbishing their north London home over the last 12 years, Kate and Allon Reich felt it was finally time to tackle their narrow kitchen. 'We knew it was going to be the biggest and most expensive part of the whole project,' says Kate, 'so we bided our time and saved up as much as we could.'

As many Victorian-terraced houses have an unnecessary side alley at the rear of the property, the Allons thought the easiest option was to convert this into a classic side-return extension. 'In effect, we turned our small, rectangular kitchen into a large, open-plan square,' explains Kate. 'It has made such a difference to the feel of the entire room.'

'Because the old kitchen was so small and dark, I'd find myself cooking alone, with the family elsewhere,' says Kate. 'I really wanted to achieve a sense of unity with the rest of the ground floor, and I also wanted a large dining table where we could all sit together.'

Recommendations from friends led Kate and Allon to kitchen designer Oliver Peake. They both wanted ▶

#### ← GET CONNECTED

The side-return extension has opened up the once-narrow kitchen, now linking it to the living room and hallway

#### ↓ BESPOKE DESIGNS

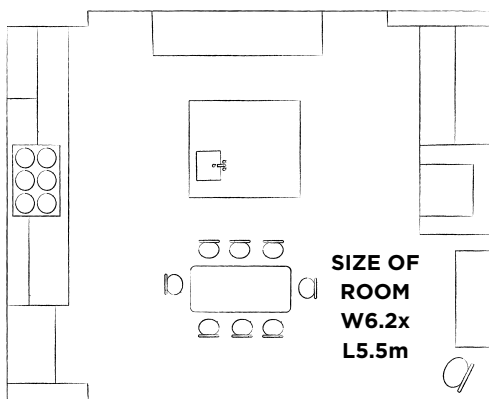
A wall of built-in cupboards houses the American-style fridge-freezer, while a solid oak wine rack makes clever use of space

### STYLING TIP

*For an individual look, choose dining chairs in different colours and add accessories, such as cushions, artwork and china, that feature the same bright shades*

#### → VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

An island with sink and dining table are in the middle of the room. The fridge-freezer is behind the freestanding island. The cooker, prep areas and storage units are opposite



#### WORK CARRIED OUT

The side alley was knocked through to the kitchen, creating a large open-plan space. A roof light was added to the extension to bring in more light. Tall bi-fold doors were fitted to the rear of the property







*'It's now a space with our own stamp on it'*

the design to combine modern and traditional looks, with the overall scheme being warm and inviting, not sleek and empty. 'Oliver understood our vision immediately. He created a layout that I would never have thought of, producing a design that feels both modern and homely,' says Kate.

Oliver worked on a series of blocks of furniture that would appear almost as freestanding items. He used sections of open shelving, a glazed-wall cabinet, a contemporary dresser, a run of tall cabinets and a modern island unit. Different colours and materials, including wood, slate and marble, enhance the eclectic look.

The cabinetry is an elegant mix of bespoke Shaker-style and flat-fronted linear units, painted in Farrow & Ball's hardwick white. These are teamed with a freestanding island painted in down pipe. The worktops are honed Welsh slate, which contrasts beautifully with the Carrara marble on the island.

Given her love of colour and textiles, the space is dotted with Kate's vibrant finds, including cushions, chairs and vintage ceramics. 'Before we built the extension, I used to try to make the kitchen feel the centre of our home, but we simply couldn't fit us all in it,' laughs Kate. 'Now it really is the hub of our family life – and a space with our own stamp on it.'

#### ↑ CENTRE STAGE

The marble-topped island forms the main food preparation and presentation area in the Reich family's open-plan kitchen

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## SHOPPING LIST

**KITCHEN** Bespoke shaker-style units and flat-fronted cabinets, Oliver Peake  
**APPLIANCES** Falcon 1092 continental range cooker in stainless steel, £2,174; Falcon super flat hood, £648; Falcon stainless-steel splashback, £200, all Twyford Cookers. Maytag MSS20FIS4/1 fridge-freezer, £1,438.54, Eldon Electricals. For similar dishwasher, try Bosch SMS40A08GB, £379, John Lewis  
**SINK & TAP** For similar tap, try Caple Washington, £78, Sinks-Taps.com. Largo 110-50/41 sink, £299, Franke  
**WORKTOPS & FLOORING** For similar worktops, try Bushboard Prima 3460 Calacatta marble (H3.8xW60xD360cm), £136.99; Duropal Quadra R6487FG Welsh slate (H3.8xW60xD205cm), £72.24, both Worktop City. Engineered American oak flooring, from £45 per sqm, Jordan Andrews  
**FURNITURE & LIGHTING** Josiah large pendants, £140 each, SCP. Caravaggio pendant P2, £256; Vitra Eames DSW chairs, £320 each, all Skandium. Chair covered in Lustgården fabric by Stig Lindberg, £71 per m, Scandinavian Design Center. Sliding doors, priced to order, IDSsystems

## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Be inventive like Kate and inject personality into your room*



#### ↑ INCLUDE EXTRA SEATING

Add a built-in bench and line with cushions in different fabrics to create a cosy spot



#### ↑ CREATE A DISPLAY AREA

Make space for your favourite china and pictures, as Kate has done with this dresser and clever pinboard



#### ↑ UPDATE OLD FURNITURE

Refresh a classic armchair by reupholstering it in colourful fabric, such as this retro 1950s design





## KITCHEN MAKEOVER 2

# ‘IT’S A LOVELY, SEAMLESS AREA’

*The Lauders’ remodelled kitchen is now a state-of-the-art sociable room that entirely opens up to the garden*

BEFORE



## KITCHEN DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Sarah Lauder, a project manager, and her husband Iain, a graphic designer

**FAMILY** Max, 21, Beth, 17, and Rosie, 13

### LOCATION

Edinburgh

### PROPERTY

A four-bedroom Victorian terrace

### COST OF NEW KITCHEN

<b>Cabinetry</b>	£6,500
<b>Worksurfaces</b>	£2,000
<b>Splashback</b>	£276
<b>Flooring</b>	£460
<b>Sink &amp; tap</b>	£150
<b>Appliances</b>	£1,962
<b>Furniture</b>	£300

**TOTAL** £11,648



**S**arah and Iain Lauder's lovely light-filled new kitchen actually started out as a plan to convert their attic, but when they invited Edinburgh-based architect Matthew Johnson into their home for a consultation, the intended project took a radically different turn.

'When we showed Matthew around the house, he asked us why we wanted to develop the loft,' explains Iain. 'He then put forward the idea that the house might benefit from the creation of a more social space rather than a private one, particularly as the kids are getting older.' As the Lauders' house is at the end of a terrace, Matthew explained that they could extend out the back and to the side, creating a large kitchen area and downstairs bathroom.

After ruminating over this for a few months, the couple finally took the plunge. Following a smooth path through planning and 12 weeks' of construction, the new extension gave the family an extra 14 square metres that stretches out seamlessly into the south-facing garden, plus extra width by pushing into the building's eastern boundary wall. In addition to the timber-framed bi-fold doors across the rear, a glazed roof light runs above the length of the kitchen, allowing sunshine to pour into the once-gloomy ►

#### ← ISLAND LIFE

Sarah's freestanding kitchen unit, complete with hob, helps to make cooking and dining in the Lauder household more of a sociable event

#### ↓ NEAT CONTRAST

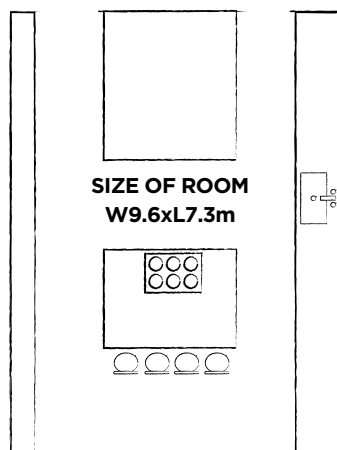
The couple wanted a neutral space with different textures. Soft Marmoleum flooring and worksurfaces from Gray Concrete fulfil their vision

### STYLING TIP

*Add interest to a large, predominantly white open-plan room by using a textured worktop, such as this concrete and resin composite*

#### → VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

Sink and wall units run along one side of the room, with the fridge-freezer built-in opposite. A large rectangular island unit sits off centre with the hob incorporated. The oven is opposite



#### WORK CARRIED OUT

Side and rear walls were removed to allow the building to extend to the boundary and enable a larger kitchen to open up to the garden. A new bathroom space has also been created







*'We had to be creative within our limited budget'*

space all day. Concealed storage, grey Marmoleum flooring and polished concrete worksurfaces complement the simple spatial arrangement that belies the complex structural work behind the scenes.

'In terms of the finishes we chose, we had to be creative within our limited budget,' explains Iain. 'We looked everywhere for inspiration and we liked the idea of a neutral space that incorporated different textures. When it came to choosing the units and cabinetry, we found exactly what we were looking for at Ikea. We mixed this with bespoke touches, such as the concrete worksurfaces, to create a high-end feel.'

A softer covering was added with the rubberised Marmoleum flooring, which creates a bouncy counterpoint to the sharp-edged white units, polished concrete surfaces and stainless-steel handles.

'The roof lights also create a lovely effect,' Iain admits. 'Whether it's a sunny or grey day, this room is lovely, warm and bright. When the sun's shining, we fold the doors right back, which is ideal for barbecues. It's a lovely, seamless space that spills right into the heart of the garden,' says Iain.

This makeover suits the family's needs perfectly, as they'd always wanted an informal area where they could sit and chat together. 'It's made our home so much more sociable – the kids can sit and do their homework while we're cooking. We're very happy with it.'

#### ↑ EXTRA SPACE

The family can fold back the doors for larger gatherings and make good use of the garden. It's perfect for barbecues

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## SHOPPING LIST

**UNITS** Abstrakt high-gloss white, £6,500, Ikea **WORKTOPS** Concrete and resin, £2,000, Gray Concrete (Projects) Ltd **SPLASHBACK** White high-gloss brick New Yorker tiles, £69 per sqm, Stile Italian Tiles **FLOORING** Marmoleum Touch Solo in elephant, from £30 per sqm, Forbo Flooring **SINK & TAP** Bredskär sink, £170; Hovskar tap, £50, Ikea **APPLIANCES** Nutid oven, £499; Nutid Mw6 microwave oven, £399; Frostig fridge-freezer, £600; Renlig dishwasher, £465, Ikea **ACCESSORIES** Bernhard bar stools, £100 each, Ikea

## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Incorporate Sarah and Iain's streamlined look into your scheme*



#### ↑ MAKE GOOD USE OF SPACE

Use alcoves or areas of spare wall as a place to display photos and books and introduce accents of colour



#### ↑ MAXIMISE YOUR STORAGE

Incorporate drawers into a large freestanding island unit's design to create more space for kitchenware



#### ↑ ADD TEXTURE WITH WORKTOPS

Update plain, white units with interesting surfaces, such as concrete, stainless steel and recycled plastic



## KITCHEN MAKEOVER 3

# 'THIS SPACE WORKS FOR ALL THE FAMILY'

*Bev Philpott remodelled and extended her home to create a vibrant, spacious kitchen-diner that caters for everyone's needs*



BEFORE



## KITCHEN DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Bev Philpott, a global mobility senior manager, and husband Ian, a full-time dad

**AGES** Both 43

**FAMILY** Four girls aged between 6 and 12

### LOCATION

Horsham, West Sussex

**PROPERTY** Five-bedroom, Victorian semi-detached house

### COST OF NEW KITCHEN

<b>Cabinetry</b>	£3,524.35
<b>Worktops</b>	£1,055
<b>Appliances</b>	£1,164
<b>Sink &amp; tap</b>	£405
<b>Floor</b>	£935.15
<b>Radiator</b>	£359.99

**TOTAL** £7,443.49



**T**he Philpotts bought their house in April 2007 when they had just two children, but as their family expanded, the home became increasingly cramped. 'The downstairs space wasn't working,'

Bev explains. 'The tiny galley kitchen led to a conservatory which should have been our dining area, but it was too cold in winter and too hot in summer. The dining table ended up in our living area and we were all squashed into one space.' The couple came to the conclusion that they needed to extend both upstairs and downstairs to create more room.

'Downstairs, our goal was to create an easy-to-clean, minimalist kitchen-diner with maximum storage that we could change with colour and accessories over time,' says Bev. 'To do this, we decided to knock down the conservatory and extend the kitchen over its footprint and out to the side of the house by removing the external wall. It was a huge project that spanned nearly a whole summer.'

Because of the escalating costs of the building work, furnishing the kitchen had to be done on a tight budget. The Philpotts used their existing fridge-freezer and washing machine and bought everything else they needed from Ikea and CDA. 'This meant we ▶

## STYLING TIP

*Add interest to your space by painting pieces of furniture in the same vibrant tone as a feature wall, such as these wooden chairs*

### ← BOLD STATEMENT

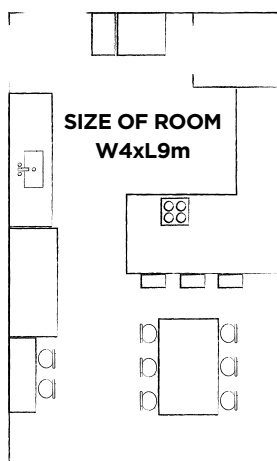
A distinctive chimney-style extractor and prominent vertical radiator defines the open-plan kitchen area, giving Bev's large room the wow factor

### ↓ PRACTICAL SOLUTION

Family-friendly cork flooring doesn't show the dirt and is soft and warm underfoot. It is also an extremely sustainable resource

### → VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

A run of units houses the sink, washing machine, dishwasher and fridge-freezer. An island unit with drawers on one side and cupboards on the other was added. Wall and base units on the right-hand wall provide further storage and oven housing



### WORK CARRIED OUT

The end- and side-wall of the kitchen were removed and an extension was built one metre to the side and out over the footings of an adjoining conservatory to create the new kitchen-diner







*'We loved the look of cork. It ticked all our practicality boxes'*

had budget to spare to spend on good flooring and worktops. 'We needed a large worktop, so we chose solid oak because it was good value and could be joined seamlessly to create the large peninsula,' explains Bev.

Choosing the floor was a challenge. 'We didn't want anything that would show dirt or need maintaining,' says Bev. 'Luckily, when we were looking online, we came across cork and loved the look, plus it ticked all our practicality boxes.'

Initially, the walls were painted white and then the Philpotts took their time to decide how to add personality to the space. The end wall was the perfect place to start. 'The minty green works well with the orange tone of the floor,' says Bev. 'It gives the room a holiday feel.' With no funds left for splashbacks, the walls were stencilled to add some pattern. 'It has transformed the space,' smiles Bev.

The new kitchen has completely changed the Philpott family's life. 'We live in here all year round,' says Bev, 'and there's plenty of room for all six of us to be together doing our own thing.'

#### ↑ CONCEALED STORAGE

Bev's island efficiently houses all her cutlery, utensils, pots and pans and makes them easily accessible

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## SHOPPING LIST

**UNITS** Abstrakt yellow-white kitchen, £67 for 60cm base unit with shelves, Ikea  
**SINK & TAP** Bredskär sink, £275; Budskär mixer tap, £130, Ikea  
**APPLIANCES** Raffinerad ovens, £350 each, Ikea. HVG77BL hob, £399; EVC4SS designer chimney extractor, £415, CDA at Kitchen Appliance Centre  
**WORKTOP** Prime oak worktop, from £140 per 2m, Worktop Express  
**FLOOR** Element Rustic cork floor, from £30.99 per sqm, The Cork Flooring Co  
**LIGHT** Foto pendant light shade, £22, Ikea  
**RADIATOR** Ximax Oceanus duplex universal, £359, Screwfix  
**PAINT** Main walls in pure brilliant white, £13.99 per 2.5ltr; green wall in grecian spa 2, £27.99 per 2.5ltr; chairs in grecian spa 3 eggshell, £29.48 per 1ltr; stools in Moroccan sands 1 gloss, £18.19 per 1ltr, Dulux. Walls stencilled using drury lane, £20 per 1ltr, Mylands. Nagoya allover craft stencil (medium), approx £15, Cutting Edge Stencils  
**STOOLS** Tolix bar stools, £47.99 each, MDM Furniture  
**ACCESSORIES** Pushboy 50ltr bin, from £79.95, Wesco. Micke desk, £65; Kallax shelving unit, from £40; Frosta stools, £8 each, Ikea. Cleaning caddy, £30; butter dish, £20; salt and pepper set, £50; all Universal Expert. Superball round bread bin, £54.95, Wesco. Unframed noticeboard in grey felt (H120xW90cm), £33.60, ESE Direct

## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Follow Bev's lead and add interest to your kitchen*



#### ↑ DESIGN A NEW LOOK

Save money by using wipeable kitchen paint to stencil a pattern that mirrors the effect of real tiles



#### ↑ PERSONALISE YOUR SPACE

Choose bright accessories that catch the eye, such as this Kenwood Kmix kettle and Missprint Little Trees mug



#### ↑ CREATE A DESK SPACE

A dedicated workstation provides children with an area to do homework and a place to keep your paperwork



# Select the latest MICROWAVE

*More than boxes for defrosting and reheating, these superb compact ovens can roast, grill and even steam*

The microwave oven used to be a major investment for the kitchen until relatively recently, with even the most basic models costing hundreds of pounds. Thankfully, as technology has improved, prices have tumbled: a high-quality design is now within practically everybody's reach.

The basic microwave design has evolved into a multifunction second oven that can grill, oven cook and steam. Gone are the days of just using one to reheat soup: with the latest hi-tech combination models, you can roast a chicken in 35 minutes, cook a perfectly crisp pizza and rustle up a risotto.

There are four main types of oven on the market. The first is microwave-only: from just £25, this is great for simple, everyday

cooking tasks such as reheating, sterilising baby bottles and defrosting.

The second category boasts the speed of a conventional model with the added benefit of an electric grill. Used in tandem, this type can cook, crisp and brown dishes like a frozen pizza in a fraction of the time of a main fan oven. Grill microwave prices start from £80.

With a combi oven – a microwave, grill and oven in one compact unit – you can cook almost any dish you can squeeze inside. It's an ideal choice for small kitchens.

Finally, Panasonic and LG both offer top-end combi microwaves with the added bonus of steam cooking. This is great for preventing meat from drying out as well as maintaining nutrients in vegetables. Expect to pay £499 and upwards for one of these.

## EXPERT TIP

Keep your microwave clean, as a dirty oven will cook more slowly and unevenly, but avoid using scouring pads and other abrasives

## Under £80

### ↓ RETRO FINISH

Possibly the cutest microwave around, the 800W Swan Vintage SM22030 comes in cream, green, red and blue with chrome-style detailing. It has five settings and three power modes, £79.99.

- H25.6xW45xD29.7cm
- Capacity: 20ltr



£54.99

### ↑ COLOUR SPLASH

The 700W Colourmatch MM717CXM-F-PM is available in green, cream, red and black, and has five programmes including defrost.

- H25xW44xD36cm
- Capacity: 17ltr



£69.99

### ↓ AUTO COOK

Just enter the weight of ingredients using the digital keypad and the 800W silver Panasonic NN-E281M will calculate the best time and power for your food. The liner is easy-clean acrylic.

- H25.8xW43.7xD33.7cm
- Capacity: 17ltr



£59.99

### ← CONTROLLABLE POWER

Available in red, cream and purple, Morphy Richards' 800W EM820CPTF-PM has nine programmes, so you can tweak performance to suit your cooking needs.

- H26xW43xD33cm
- Capacity: 20ltr

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LOOK





£80 – £140

#### SPACE SAVER

Although smaller than most, the 700W Whirlpool Max 35 GRN (H36xW42xD35cm) has a neatly designed curved back allowing it to tuck neatly into corners, especially useful in a compact kitchen. This model also comes with the ability to steam food and has a 3D defrost setting for quick and even thawing, £139.32



#### → VERSATILE BUY

Combining microwave, grill and convection oven, the De'Longhi AC925EFY can reach 240°C, meaning you can cook virtually anything with the bonus of quick defrost and everyday heating.

- Combi oven with grill
- H31xW52xD50cm
- Capacity: 25ltr



#### ← SMARTER COOKING

Great value and packed with handy features to get the job done quicker, the 800W LG MS2382B has four auto cook programmes and six menus including a one-touch re-heat button.

- Microwave
- H28xW48.5xD38.5cm
- Capacity: 23ltr



#### → SECOND OVEN

With a choice of grill, microwave or conventional oven heat (or combination of the three), the Kenwood K30CSS14 will help take the strain if you're entertaining a houseful whether you're roasting potatoes or baking a cake.

- Microwave
- H32.5xW52xD49.7cm
- Capacity: 30ltr



#### STEAM POWERED

The most advanced tabletop oven available, the flatbed (no turntable needed) Panasonic NN-CS894S (H39xW49xD43.8cm) injects steam during the cooking to retain moisture. There are 28 programmes and 16 steam/microwave settings. Comes with glass dish, steaming trivet, drip tray and wire shelf, £499

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

■ **POWER** is measured in watts. It can range from 800W to 1200W, with grills ranging from 800-1300W. The higher the wattage, the quicker your food will cook.

■ **CAPACITY** varies: there are a huge variety of sizes, from 17-32 litres. More importantly, look out for shelves that double the useable space available and large turntables that fit even large dinner plates.

■ **DIMENSIONS** always need to be measured carefully, as grill and combination ovens require a 5cm ventilation gap at the top, back and sides. If space is limited, the Whirlpool Max range is designed to fit in a corner.

■ **PROGRAMMES** such as the most popular dishes and functions – defrost, jacket potatoes and re-heat – often come with a dedicated button.

■ **AUTO COOKING** means you enter the weight of the food and the microwave works out the time needed.

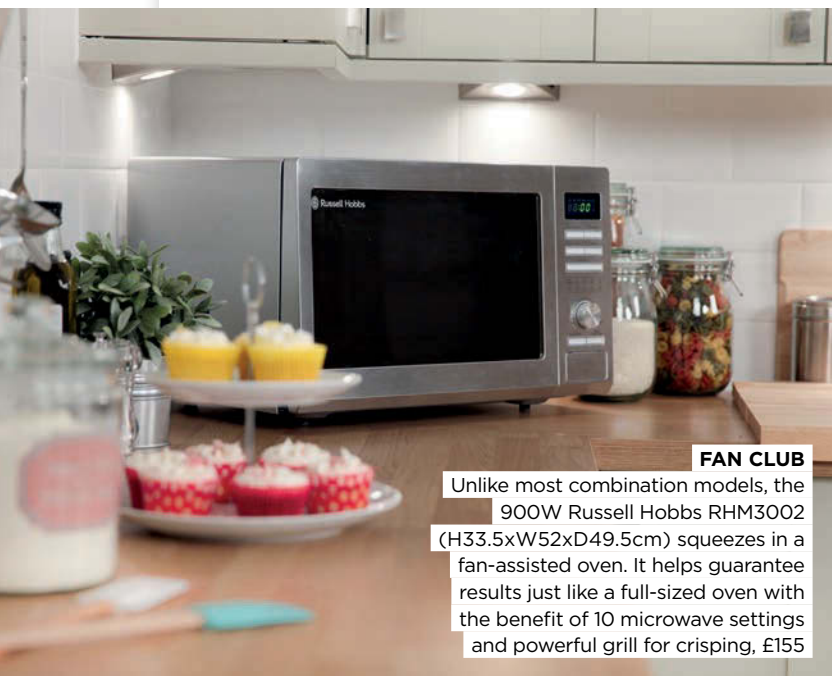
■ **DIGITAL CONTROLS** are more accurate than a simple dial, while touch controls are easy to wipe clean.

■ **INTERIORS** Enamel-coated walls are easy to wipe clean. Top-of-the-range models feature catalytic or pyrolytic liners, which are self-cleaning.

■ **CHILD LOCKS** are absolutely essential if your kids like pushing buttons.



## £140 – £200



### FAN CLUB

Unlike most combination models, the 900W Russell Hobbs RHM3002 (H33.5xW52xD49.5cm) squeezes in a fan-assisted oven. It helps guarantee results just like a full-sized oven with the benefit of 10 microwave settings and powerful grill for crisping, £155

### → SMART CHOICE

The 900W Bosch HMT84M461B is a higher-cost option, but it does the basics superbly thanks to seven weight-guided automatic programmes

- Microwave
- H30.5xW51.3xD40.8cm
- Capacity: 25ltr



ROBUST MODEL

£159

### → ALL IN ONE

A wealth of features help take the chore out of cooking a big meal. The Sharp R822STM

has a powerful grill, the oven setting can reach 230°C, and there are 12 automatic programmes.

- Combination microwave with grill
- H30.6xW51.3xD46.6cm
- Capacity: 25ltr



£159.99

## Over £200



### ← SOUS CHEF

Whirlpool's clever 700W Jet Chef JT 469 has 30 automatic recipes to take the guesswork out of mealtimes. With steam, grill, microwave and hot air cooking modes available, you can prepare almost anything. The Jet Defrost also works up to seven times faster than a basic model, £350.

- Combi microwave
- H37.7xW48.7xD37.7cm
- Capacity: 33ltr

### ↓ MULTI-STEAMER

This sophisticated model can steam cook without the use of microwave energy. The Sharp AX-1100SLM also comes with a shelf and two trays so you can prepare soft and hard foods at the same time.

- Microwave grill with steam
- H33.1xW52xD50cm
- Capacity: 27ltr



£300

### ↑ CLEVER COOKING

Aside from scanning the surface temperature of food every second to ensure even cooking, the 900W Samsung MC32F606TCT can prove dough for baking, make yogurt and even fry chips in just one spoon of oil.

- Microwave with grill
- H30.9xW52.3xD50.6cm
- Capacity: 32ltr



### *Built-in option*

Integrated design is an increasingly popular choice for a stylish, streamlined kitchen. Built-in microwaves can be installed alongside a main oven or mounted in a bank with matching appliances such as steam ovens and coffee machines. This enables you to customise the space and create a hard-working area that suits your cooking style. When buying a microwave choose a model from the same manufacturer as your main oven to create a coordinated finish. A built-in microwave is more expensive – £250-£700 – than freestanding designs. For improved functionality, look for a combi rather than a microwave-only model.



COMBI OVEN

£238

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## BATHROOM DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Amanda Bliss, an art teacher, and husband Andrew, a company director

**AGES** 44 and 46

**FAMILY** Finlay, 20, Cameron, 17, and Murray, 8

**LOCATION** London

### PROPERTY

Victorian house

### COST OF NEW BATHROOM

**Sanitaryware** £2,572

**Tiles** £395

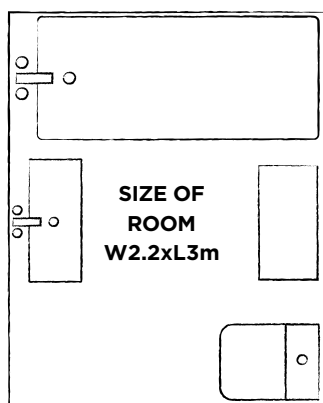
**Flooring** £154.80

**Accessories** £634.93

**TOTAL £3,759.73**

### WORK CARRIED OUT

The room was replastered and the position of the door, bath and basin were moved to open up the access and create more space. Underfloor heating was added



### ↑ VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

Amanda repositioned the door in the left-hand corner. The bath runs along the length of the back wall. There's a storage unit under the window with a basin and towel rail opposite



### STYLING TIP

*If you're using a block of bold colour, stop it becoming overwhelming by breaking it up with an area in a lighter colour, such as this band of white tiles*



BATHROOM MAKEOVER 1

# I COPIED MY OLD SCHEME'

*When Amanda Bliss moved house, she used her previous knowledge and expertise to design the perfect period-inspired space*



Although Amanda and Andrew Bliss loved their old house, with three growing boys, they really needed more downstairs living space. So when this Victorian house in east London came on the market, they decided to snap it up. 'It needed a complete renovation as it was split into two flats, but it was in an ideal location,' says Amanda.

The couple decided to reposition the door, bath and basin to give the bathroom more space, and offer a little more privacy to the back bedroom. 'This meant we could have a larger bath with a shower in it,' says Amanda. 'We kept the WC in the same position though, as moving the waste pipe would have been just too costly and time-consuming.'

As the whole house was in a poor decorative state and needed such a large amount of work, by the time Amanda got around to thinking about the bathroom she simply decided to replicate the one in their old house. 'Andrew was a little bit taken aback at first, but when he realised how serious I was, he just let me get on with it,' she says. Amanda wanted to stick with green metro tiles as she loved the ones they had in their previous scheme. 'I have a thing for green, and this colour is my favourite shade. I like its calm and reflective quality,' she says. 'I was excited about having my old bathroom back, but we did update some elements in this one. We put in underfloor heating ▶

← **BIGGER IS BETTER**

The large basin, oversized bath and generous towel rail are ideal for Amanda's busy family with three growing boys

↓ **PERFECT FIT**

This low-wooden cabinet with wicker drawer baskets, originally designed for a hallway, nestles neatly under the window







*'Tiled walls are easy to keep clean and will look fresher for longer'*

and used harder-wearing porcelain tiles, instead of the tumbled marble we used first time around.'

The tiles Amanda originally sourced were very expensive, so she embarked on a mission to find cheaper ones, which she eventually did at a third of the price. She also brought the wall-mounted Art Deco light with her from their old house, and it now hangs over a round swivel mirror above the sink. Her other aim was to buy bathroom fittings that were as practical as possible, which she's managed to do by choosing an extra-large shower head and soft-close toilet seat.

Now it's finished, Amanda is happy she chose a style she'd already tried. 'It's a perfect bathroom for a family with three boys, and it's easy to keep clean,' she says. 'When friends who knew our old house see this room, they always do a double-take. But then they admit that they like it as much as the previous one.'

#### ↑ REFLECTED GLORY

A mirrored corner cabinet provides valuable extra storage space and makes good use of this otherwise empty area

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## SHOPPING LIST

**SANITARYWARE** Imperial Astoria Deco basin, £316; Imperial Astoria Deco WC, £496; Imperial Crown bath shower mixer, £392; Imperial Bathrooms shower head, £100, all UKBathrooms. Imperial Victorian dual-control shower valve, £568; Imperial Victorian basin pillar taps, £132, The Cast Iron Bath Company. Saniform Plus bath, £399; similar bath screen, £169, both Bathstore **TILES** Metro tiles in sage green and white (H10xW20cm), both £14.50 per sqm, Tons of Tiles. Similar Elsass floor tiles, £25.93 per sqm, DTW Ceramics UK Ltd **LIGHTING** Similar light, £123.98, Universal Lighting Services Ltd **ACCESSORIES** Similar corner cabinet, £85; similar mirror, £50, both Next. For a similar unit, try Tetbury chest of drawers, £248.99, Magnolia Lane. JIS Sussex Ashdown heated towel rail, £250.94, UKBathrooms

## IDEAS TO STEAL

*Take inspiration from Amanda's elegant scheme*



#### ↑ CHOOSE QUALITY DESIGNS

Opt for fittings that look as good as they perform, as Amanda has done with this shower control unit



#### ↑ ADD FINISHING TOUCHES

Don't forget the final details, such as a scented candle and a simple ceramic bowl for smaller items



#### ↑ HIDE EVERYTHING AWAY

Look for furniture that's large enough to hold all the essentials, like this wooden unit with wicker baskets



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## BATHROOM DETAILS

### HOMEOWNER

Caroline Bond, a property developer

**AGE** 50

**FAMILY** Alyssia, 10, and Saskia, 12

### LOCATION

West Sussex

**PROPERTY** Eighties four-bedroom detached house

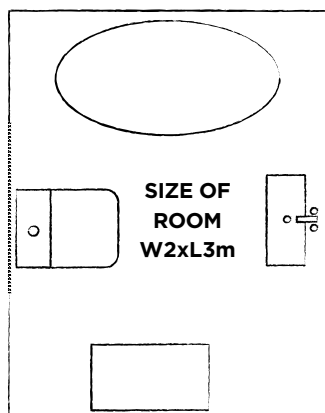
### COST OF NEW BATHROOM

<b>Sanitaryware</b>	£640
<b>Taps</b>	£130
<b>Paint</b>	£300
<b>Mirror</b>	£200
<b>Floor tiles</b>	£90

**TOTAL** £1,360

### WORK CARRIED OUT

The existing bathroom fittings were stripped out and replaced with a freestanding bath, basin, WC and chest of drawers. A wall mural was created using water-resistant oil paint and marble-effect floor tiles were laid



### ↑ VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

Caroline kept the original layout and double-glazed windows, but moved the bathroom fittings. Wood panelling was removed from the walls below the dado rail



### BATHROOM MAKEOVER 2

# 'BRINGING IN THE SEA WAS MY AIM'

*Inspired by its coastal location, Caroline Bond's stunning bathroom was painted in soft greys, blues and silver*



### STYLING TIP

*Rather than tiling walls, try using water-resistant paint to create an atmospheric effect, like this seascape – you can paint over it if you fancy a change*

**W**hen Caroline Bond bought her four-bedroom house near a beach in West Sussex, the previous owners had started to revamp the bathroom.

However, it was a plain and uninspiring scheme with wood panelling and lots of tiling. Caroline decided to rip it all out and start again. 'I find tiles on bathroom walls quite cold and clinical and wanted to create a room that reflected the stunning scenery outside,' she explains. With this in mind, she asked local artist Hettie Pittman, from whom she had bought a number of paintings in the past, whether she would be interested in painting the walls of the bathroom. 'Hettie agreed at once and we decided that the best method would be to use oil paints as they would be relatively moisture-resistant in a bathroom,' she says. Buying tiles and employing a professional tiler can be a major cost, so Caroline realised that spending money on an artist wouldn't be that much more expensive.

Once the room had been stripped to a bare shell, Hettie set to work painting all the walls, as well as the sloping ceiling of the bathroom with a mural depicting a coastal scene with seagulls and birds. 'The soft muted colours mean that the whole effect isn't too dominant, yet it looks interesting,' says Caroline. The process took about a week and the result is quite stunning. Meanwhile, Caroline set about looking for ▶

#### ← WOW FACTOR

A contemporary oval freestanding bath makes an impressive focal point and adds a luxurious, spa-like feel to the room

#### ↓ METALLIC FINISH

Caroline introduced a touch of glamour with this curvaceous silver chest of drawers, which picks out the colour in the wall mural







*'The soft muted colours aren't too dominant, yet it looks interesting'*

sanitaryware and flooring that would work with the bathroom design. Mottled grey floor tiles from Wickes match the colours perfectly, while the simple, modern fittings were all sourced from Victoria Plumb.

The sloping ceilings in the bathroom meant that it would be difficult to incorporate a shower as well as a bath, so Caroline opted for a luxurious freestanding bath with shower attachment. The silver-and-grey theme is picked out in the glass mirror and chest of drawers, while a practical ladder-style towel rail completes the look. Rather than use a white gloss on the bathroom door, Caroline found a metal-effect paint in pewter, which further complements the silvery theme.

Caroline added her vast collection of seaside objects, which included carved wooden seagulls, boats and fish, to create the finished effect. 'It really has brought the wonderful Sussex coastline inside – I just adore spending time in this gorgeous bathroom.'

#### ↑ SIMPLE ELEGANCE

A generous wall-mounted basin has been teamed with a beautiful silver-framed mirror

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## SHOPPING LIST

**SANITARYWARE** Lisbon bath (H59xW155xD75cm), £429.95, Better Bathrooms. Ocean close-coupled WC, £99.99, Victoria Plumb **WASHBASIN & TAPS** Auckland 80cm basin, £109.95, Better Bathrooms. Matrix basin tap, £39.99; Matrix bath mixer tap, £79.99; chrome bottle trap, £29.99, all Victoria Plumb **ACCESSORIES** Chrome-heated towel rail, £59.99, Wickes. Pearl resin soap dispenser, £10, Bhs. Grey towels, from £3 for a hand towel, Primark. Mirror, £69.99; chest of drawers, £129.99; both TK Maxx **PAINT & TILES** Metallic-effect paint in pewter, £5.90 per 250ml, Liberon. Emperor grey marble-effect floor tiles, £11.94 for a pack of five, Wickes **WALL** Painted mural, price on request, Hettie Pittman at Shoreline Gallery

## IDEAS TO STEAL

*It's the details that make a room both stylish and practical*



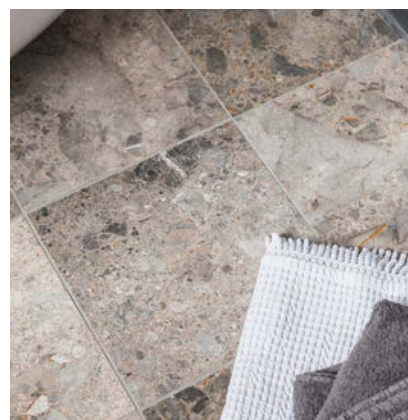
#### ↑ CHOOSE A VERSATILE DESIGN

A double-ended bath with central taps allows more space for bathing as both ends of the tub can be used



#### ↑ DISPLAY FAVOURITE FINDS

Put together a collection of decorative pieces, such as these wooden seagulls, boat and starfish



#### ↑ USE NATURAL MATERIALS

Continue the rustic look in a coastal-themed bathroom by laying marble-effect floor tiles



# Choose the ideal BATHROOM FLOORING

*Add an extra layer of style to your scheme with these options that are as functional as they are fabulous*

**F**looring may not be your primary concern when fitting a bathroom, but it's a decision that matters, and there's a huge array of stylish flooring options available – from low-maintenance designs to statement tiles.

For a family space, go for a hard-wearing variety that's easy to mop dry, such as ceramic, porcelain, vinyl or rubber. Real stone is also a possibility, but be aware that it needs sealing and resealing to keep it watertight.

Compact rooms and loft conversions look great with large-format tiles or flooring that's continued from an adjoining room. This is particularly effective in an en suite, turning the two rooms into one seamless area.

As solid wood can warp from humidity, luxurious looking engineered wood is a stable and versatile alternative if you have the luxury of a grown-up bathroom.

Finally, if you're fitting underfloor heating, whether it's pipework or foil matting, check if your flooring is compatible before you buy.

## MAKE A SPLASH

Eye-catching Infinity tiles (H33x W33xD0.97cm) are part of the Feature Floors range from British Ceramic Tile. Compatible with underfloor heating, £15 per sqm



## Under £50



### ↑ AFFORDABLE LOOKALIKE

For the glossy appearance of veined stone, try this Illusion mocha marble-effect ceramic floor tile from B&Q. It's also suitable for walls, so can be used to clad a wet room.

- H27.5xW36xD0.9cm
- Compatible with underfloor heating



### ↑ GREAT VALUE

A feature floor looks great in a room of plain colours – geometric Mardi Gras 599 Sagres vinyl flooring from Carpetright is ideal. It has a glossy finish and comes in 12 other designs.

- W200xD0.25cm per variable roll
- Compatible with underfloor heating

## EXPERT TIP

Underfloor heating is most effective with hard flooring that's a good conductor of heat, such as ceramics, stone or vinyl, as these materials will transfer the warmth straight to your feet

## SOFT & DURABLE

### FAMILY FRIENDLY

Available in 14 shades from the Colour Flooring Company, this rubber sheet flooring is easy to maintain, stain-resistant and muffles noise, shown in pumpkin, butterfield green and springfield yellow.

- H1000xW190xD0.3cm per roll
- Underfloor heating compatible



## £50 – £100



£83.82  
PER SQM

### ↑ NATURAL FINISH

The engineered timber boards of Ecora's Oak Brendon White will suit any bathroom space.

- From H80-220xW18x1.3cm
- Underfloor heating-compatible

### ↓ LUXURY TOUCH

Mandarin Stone's blue lotus polished marble will look stunning against icy-white sanitaryware.

- H30.5xW15.2xD1cm
- Compatible with underfloor heating



£45.94  
PER SQM



£99.80  
PER SQM

### ← SLIP RESISTANT

The Sorrento porcelain range of six designs from Fired Earth (Regina and Tasso shown) comes in beautiful blues and monochrome patterns with a white base tile.

- H30xW30xD1cm
- Compatible with underfloor heating

### EASY FIT

One of six wood-look designs added to Karndean's Looselay collection, Burlington LLP110 vinyl (H105xW25xD0.45cm) has warm ginger tones. Quick to install, it's recyclable, underfloor heating-compatible, and can be laid over existing hard floors, £42.99 per sqm

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

■ **ENGINEERED WOOD** is usually made from a ply-wood core with a top layer of hardwood, which means it's durable and resistant to warping and temperature changes. Once laid, it will look like solid boards.

■ **NATURAL STONE** is porous so it must be sealed to protect it from marks and water ingress. Marble and limestone are popular choices, as is scratch-resistant slate.

■ **RUBBER** is made from natural materials. It's easy to keep clean and is warm underfoot. Available in a

good choice of colours, it's usually coated to protect the surface but can be prone to small scratches.

■ **VINYL** flooring has a scratch-resistant wear layer on top that's usually water-resistant and can be slip-resistant. Warm underfoot, it's available in wood and stone-effect planks and tiles.

■ **CERAMIC** is water-proof after grouting and won't need sealing, plus it's both easy to cut and install. It comes in glazed or unglazed variants, but remember that unglazed will need sealing.



### TIMELESS STYLE

Suitable for use on walls and floors, the Misty Fjord marble (H61xW30.5xD1cm) from Topps Tiles comes in a honed (shown on floor) or polished (shown on wall) finish and three different sizes. Compatible with underfloor heating, from £80.57 per sqm



## £100 – £150

### → LARGE FORMAT

If you love the look of glossy marble, Porcelanosa's Persian white will probably match the style you have in mind – crisp and white with a ripple of chic grey running through it. This is natural stone at its best.

- H60xW60xD2cm
- Compatible with underfloor heating



£31.09  
PER SQM

£110  
PER SQM

TIMBER  
EFFECT

### MODERN EDGE

← These Art Deco-inspired eco porcelain tiles are part of the Larix collection from Ceramiche Refin. It includes four co-ordinating tiles in three colours. Mix designs to create a unique wood-look scheme. Available in a larger size (H25xW150cm).

- H75xW15xD1cm
- Compatible with underfloor heating



### PUZZLE PIECES

Victorian ceramic tiles in Dover white from Original Style let you get creative with your flooring. Made from individual pieces, the colourful range comes in over 22 shapes and sizes (octagon: H15.1xW15.1xD0.9cm; square: H5.3xW5.3xD0.9cm). Shown in York pattern, they're underfloor heating-compatible, £104.92 per sqm

## Over £150



CLASSIC  
LOOK

### CHIC GEOMETRICS

Shown in white and black polished equilateral triangles (H26xW30xD1cm), the Prism ceramic flooring from the Atelier collection at Devon&Devon is also available in grey and dark grey, matt and polished. Compatible with underfloor heating, from £206 per sqm



£270  
PER SQM

### ↑ MADE IN BRITAIN

Britannicus Stone's soft pink and light red tile uses Stoneycombe, a UK-sourced Devonian limestone. It's perfect for a period bathroom.

- From H120-160xW80-140xD2-3cm
- Compatible with underfloor heating



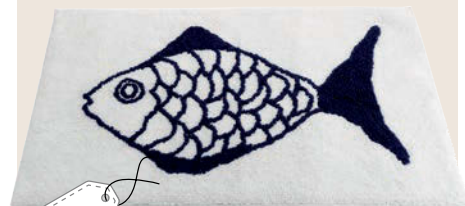
FROM  
£168  
PER SQM

### ↑ BESPOKE BEAUTY

With its distinctive smoky veining, Lapidica's luxurious Bardiglio honed marble is a real attention-grabber for your bathroom. A natural stone available in cut-to-order sizes.

- Compatible with underfloor heating

## THREE OF THE BEST bath mats



£12

### ↑ AQUATIC THEME

Keep your floor clean as well as looking stylish with Sainsbury's sea-inspired Fish Tales rug

### → ROCK POOL

The Abyss & Habidecor Stone pebble-shaped design is made from ultra-soft 100% combed cotton



£151

£11.99



### ← WOODEN WONDER

Practical and with a pale finish, Dunelm's white pine rectangular duckboard will integrate into any bathroom scheme

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# WIN A NEW BATHROOM SCHEME

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**SPACE SAVING**

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**SMART IDEA**

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EXTENSION 1

# 'WE HAVE OUR OWN PENTHOUSE'

*Phil and Tara Shaw-Jackson used an architect to tick off some tricky demands for their compact roof extension*



BEFORE



AFTER

## EXTENSION DETAILS

### HOWEOWNERS

Phil Shaw-Jackson, who works in the city, and wife Tara, who works for an NGO

**AGES** 36 and 37

**FAMILY** Two sons, aged 2 and 4

**LOCATION** West London

### PROPERTY

A three-bedroom Victorian terraced house with two storeys and a loft level

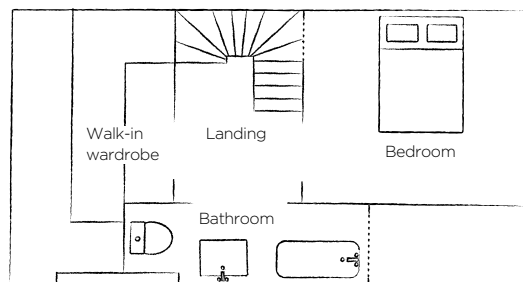
### COST OF THE NEW EXTENSION

<b>Glazing</b>	£19,000
<b>Walls, roofing &amp; ceilings</b>	£34,500
<b>Stairs</b>	£7,000
<b>Sliding doors</b>	£3,000
<b>Plumbing &amp; electrics</b>	£11,000
<b>Decoration</b>	£6,500
<b>Bathroom</b>	£4,000
<b>Party wall agreements</b>	£5,000

**TOTAL £90,000**

## PROJECT BRIEF

Retaining existing storage space, the aim was to extend the loft with a master bedroom, modern en-suite bathroom and walk-in wardrobe



### ↑ VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

Stairs are positioned in the middle of the 35sqm space. The Shaw-Jackson's bedroom, bathroom, walk-in wardrobe and storage area are all arranged around this feature

### → OPEN HOUSE

The extension has a semi open-plan layout with sliding doors around a central landing, similar to a traditional Japanese room with dividing shoji screens







**COMPACT SOLUTION**  
Not a millimetre goes to waste in this bathroom



**DISTINCT ZONES**  
Sliding doors separate areas in the roof extension



**TILT AND TURN**  
A Sunflex concertina-style window creates a wide opening in the bedroom

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Loft extensions sound simple, but achieving decent head height and a good sense of space is always a challenge, and in the case of the Shaw-Jacksons, it required the expertise of an architect.

'We were in a two-bedroom house with one child and another on the way, so we desperately needed an extra bedroom,' explains Phil, who had a list of demands that made things more tricky. 'We wanted the bedroom to be at the back so we could have a view of the garden, and a separate walk-in wardrobe. We also had plans for a bathroom, not a shower room, and our aim was to retain the existing loft storage,' he says. 'And all of this had to fit within 35sqm.'

Phil originally sketched some plans himself, but only realised the potential of the space when he hired architect Ed McCann, whose masterstroke was to design a compact staircase that arrives in the middle of the loft, rather than at the side.

'A regular-size staircase would have arrived where we wanted the bedroom, which wouldn't have worked, so Ed's design completely transformed what we could do, because it allowed us to arrange the bedroom, bathroom, walk-in wardrobe and storage around a central landing,' says Phil. Wide openings and sliding doors create an

easy flow between the rooms, and a roof light and internal window make it feel brighter and more expansive. 'We can open up everything or close it down when necessary, so one of us can use the bathroom and walk-in wardrobe while the other sleeps.'

The new space is constructed on a flat section of roof at the back of the house and extends back from a pitched-roof at the front, where the original loft is. It was built within permitted development rights, but they had to dig out old Ordnance Survey maps to satisfy the authorities, however.

The work was finished within eight months, although it was originally scheduled to take five. 'It started badly and went downhill,' says architect Ed. 'The builder had a heart attack on the first day, and while he was OK, his company turned out not to be. It didn't keep up with the schedule so we had to re-tender halfway through.' New firm Belleville Developments then completed the project in a speedy three months, and amazingly, Phil and Tara, who was pregnant at the time, stayed there throughout.

'At one point we barely had a roof and things were flapping in the wind, but it was worth it in the end,' says Phil. 'Without the skills of an architect, we simply wouldn't have ended up with something as great.'

## SHOPPING LIST

### SANITARYWARE

Catalano Roma basin, £670, Designer Bathrooms and Kitchens. Kaldewei Cayono bath, £315.90, UK Bathrooms. Crosswater 200mm round showerhead, £79.20, Victorian Plumbing. Duravit Starck three wall-mounted WC, £203.35, Fountain Direct **TILES** For similar floor tiles, try Danxia Black, £19.42 per sqm, Topps Tiles **LIGHTING** Dar Lighting Khan 2 wall light, £69.50, Castlegate Lights. Original BTC Cobb rise and fall pendant, £155, Heal's **BED** For similar, try Devon divan, from £295, Warren Evans

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EXTENSION 2

# 'IT FEELS AS IF WE LIVE IN A NEW HOME'

*Andrew Budgen and Lorna Smith gave their London house an overhaul with a three-storey extension to create functional family spaces*



## ← TALL ORDER

The extension has given Andrew and Lorna a variety of terraces and a small balcony across four levels

## ↑ MODERN COOL

A standard Howdens kitchen takes up the side wall and has been fitted with gloss black doors that reflect light



## EXTENSION DETAILS

### HOMEOWNERS

Andrew Budgen, an architect, and Lorna Smith, an accessories designer

**AGES** 41 and 37

**FAMILY** Newborn son

### LOCATION

North London

### PROPERTY

Five-bedroom Victorian terraced house

### COST OF NEW EXTENSION

<b>Demolition</b>	£10,000
<b>Foundations &amp; structure</b>	£20,000
<b>External walls &amp; roof</b>	£35,000
<b>Bi-fold doors</b>	£10,000
<b>Glazing &amp; roof lights</b>	£10,000
<b>Mechanics &amp; electrics</b>	£15,000
<b>Internal finishes</b>	£20,000
<b>Internal fittings</b>	£15,000
<b>Furnishings</b>	£10,000

**TOTAL** £145,000

## PROJECT BRIEF

To open-up the ground floor with a kitchen-diner, provide better views of the adjacent parkland and create a new study and more functional bathrooms

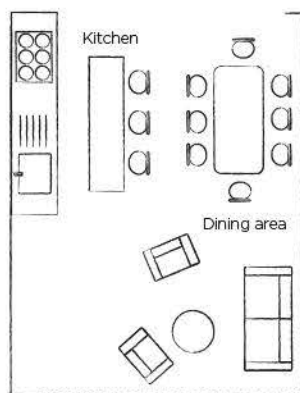


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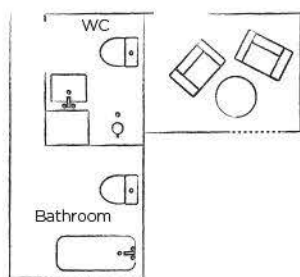
*If you have a kitchen-diner with a garden view, make the greenery the focal point by choosing a minimalist scheme and a limited palette of colours*

## WIDE ANGLE

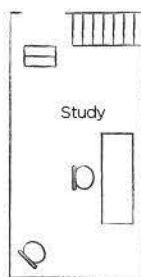
Bi-fold doors allow the entire back wall to be opened up, creating a more seamless link with the garden



GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

### ↑ VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

An open-plan kitchen-diner and terrace have been added. The bathroom on the first floor has been split. A study now occupies the top floor with ladder access to a roof terrace

With its small windows and a cluttered route to the garden, Andrew Budgen and Lorna Smith's home did little to celebrate its best feature: fantastic uninterrupted views of parkland at the back of their Victorian terraced house.

'From inside we had little sense of this tranquil setting,' explains Andrew. 'The kitchen was too small and had an awkward U-shaped layout, so we never spent time there. Getting outside involved pushing the dining table against the wall to squeeze past, so we wanted to open up the whole space.'

For the extension project, walls on the ground floor were knocked through and the space was extended to create one large, open-plan, kitchen-diner. Bi-fold doors were added across the entire width of the back wall, which open on to a new raised terrace. 'The garden is significantly lower than the house, so ▶





#### ← COSY RETREAT

The walls of the new study are lined with plywood to create a more intimate feeling, in contrast with the larger spaces in the rest of the house



#### ↑ TREETOP VIEWS

A large window was added in the bathroom to make the most of the scenery outside

bringing a terrace up to the same level is one of the best things we did,' says Andrew.

Rather than adding just one storey, Andrew and Lorna also overhauled the rest of the house, replacing a brick section that previously jutted out the back with two new storeys. The first floor now houses a bathroom and separate shower room, and the second floor is home to a study with ladder access to a new terrace on the roof of the ground-floor extension.

Windows in the existing bedrooms were also replaced with French doors; the second-floor opens on to a Juliet balcony and the first-floor leads out to the new terrace. 'It's like living in a different house because we have so many places to enjoy the view,'

says Andrew. 'For us, it was always about adding a greater variety of areas, rather than just adding more space. Some are quiet and enclosed, like the study, and some are wide and open, such as the kitchen-diner.'

To get this balance right, the couple lived in the house for a year before Andrew, who is a director at London-based architecture practice Spacelab, drew up a design for the contemporary three-storey addition.

The couple then submitted their planning application to the local council, which was granted without any objection – quite a feat considering the size of the extension, and the fact that it's in a conservation area.

Andrew and Lorna also had to get a party wall agreement with a neighbour on one side, but this was done by working with them directly rather than going through a surveyor. 'We know our neighbours well, and we kept them informed about every aspect of what we were doing,' explains Andrew.

Construction took four-and-a-half months: the couple lived in rented accommodation for the first three, moving back while the interior was being finished. The refurbishment of the rest of the house included a new boiler, underfloor heating and upgraded lighting. They saved money on professional fees as Andrew was the architect, and they installed an off-the-shelf kitchen design from Howdens.

'Prioritising money on creating these large, open spaces with lots of glazing has made such a difference. We're in the kitchen-diner so much more now,' says Andrew. 'And when we're not there, we have a great living space to retire to, or a study to work in, or a roof terrace to enjoy the views. It really has given us the best of many worlds.'

## SHOPPING LIST

**DOORS** For similar aluminium folding doors, try the Supreme range, from £2,289, by Vufold  
**KITCHEN** For similar units, try Metod in Ringhult black, £68 for a wall cabinet with shelves, Ikea  
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**FLOORING** For similar, try Home Choice engineered European oak flooring with honey lacquer, from £28 per sqm, UK Flooring Direct

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#### *Things we love*

■ **A raised terrace** has made our garden feel like a seamless part of the house.

■ **The study** – we lined this room with plywood to make it feel cosy and insular. It creates a nice contrast.

■ **Bi-fold doors** have allowed us to open up the entire back wall, and they were less expensive than frameless sliding designs.



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# Update your GARDEN FURNITURE

*Whether it's a bistro set or an investment piece, these al fresco dining ideas will add style to outdoor spaces*

Eating and entertaining outdoors is one of summer's great pleasures, so the answer is to buy wisely and choose a table and chairs that fit your space, has the required number of seats, and doesn't have to be packed away every evening if there's a chance of rain.

A bistro set is perfect for a smaller garden or patio, but only adequate for two people. The trick is to buy the biggest table your garden can accommodate; one that can fit extra guests and dining paraphernalia that goes with outdoor feasting. For this purpose, an extendable one works well. Your furniture

will last a spring-summer season outdoors, but it will last longer if it's stored inside during the winter. Exceptions are metal and mesh (vinyl textile) designs and hardwood such as oak or teak. Teak weathers naturally to a silvery grey, or its new gold-brown colour can be maintained by an annual application of teak oil.

Benches are a great alternative to chairs, particularly for younger family members, allowing you to squash extra people in.

Also take note of folding models – a good choice if you need to pack everything away in an outdoor shed during the winter months.



## WOODEN BEAUTY

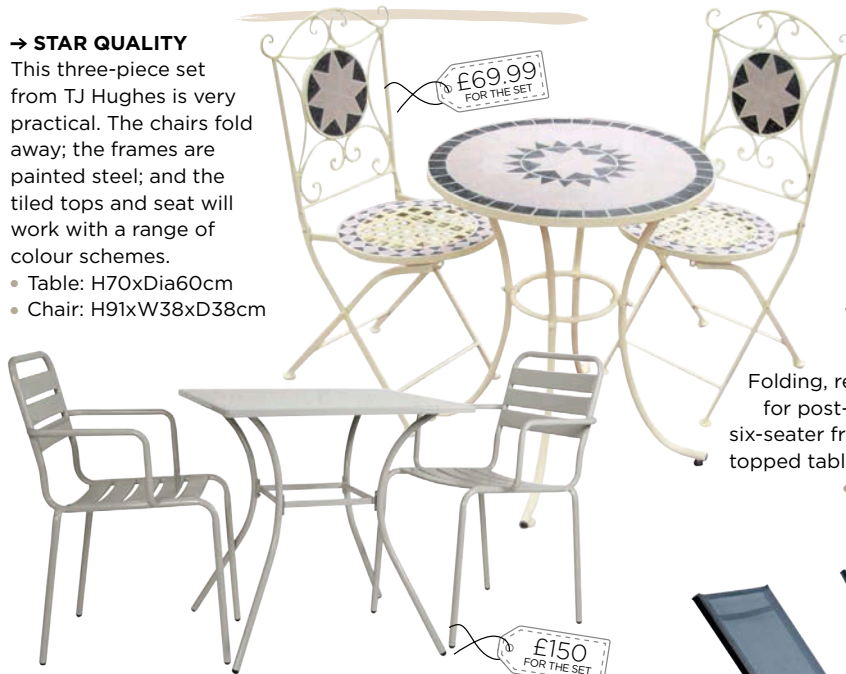
These four folding chairs (H90xW46xD58cm) and round table in eucalyptus wood (H74xDia90cm) from the Amber collection at Wilko are a stylish addition to any outdoor space. All items fold down for easy storage, £100

## Under £150

### → STAR QUALITY

This three-piece set from TJ Hughes is very practical. The chairs fold away; the frames are painted steel; and the tiled tops and seat will work with a range of colour schemes.

- Table: H70xDia60cm
- Chair: H91xW38xD38cm



### ↑ CONTEMPORARY APPEAL

Garden Trading's modern-looking Dean Street bistro's slatted seats and powder-coated steel in clay are easy to keep clean. An ideal seating area for al fresco meals.

- Table: H72xW70xD70cm
- Chair: H85xW52xD47cm



### → ELEGANT LOOK

Folding, reclining armchairs are ideal for post-lunch relaxation. The Milan six-seater from Argos includes a glass-topped table plus parasol (Dia230cm).

- Table: H72xW138xD80cm
- Chair: H92xW55xD67cm

STYLE & COMFORT





## EXPERT TIP

Invest in waterproof covers for a wooden table and chairs to give your outdoor dining furniture a longer lifespan. Try Lakeland, Argos and most leading garden centres



## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

■ **GLASS, STONE, TILE** and powder-coated steel-topped tables maintain their looks usually.

■ **HARDWOODS** like teak, oak and iroko will weather but not deteriorate. Less costly softwoods weather quickly, but can be maintained by using outdoor stains and wood protectors. Try ranges from Cuprinol and Ronseal.

■ **PLASTIC FURNITURE** fades quickly, and coloured

designs will need covering up in winter. Try Astonish's uPVC cream cleaner, which can also be used on plastic windows and doors, for a serious stain removal.

■ **UPHOLSTERED CUSHIONS** and seat pads are considered to be showerproof, but not totally waterproof. If they do receive a soaking, make sure they are dried and aired thoroughly to avoid mould and damp.

£150 – £350



£255  
FOR THE SET

### ↑ TIMELESS STYLE

For more formal al fresco dinner parties, Tesco's Mila glass-topped table and four woven faux-rattan chairs are an excellent choice.

- Table: H71xDia91cm
- Chair: H92x W58xD54cm



£209  
FOR THE SET

### ↓ MODERN SHAPE

Ikea's oval Vindalsö table has a slatted top in eucalyptus wood. Four stackable chairs are included.

- Table: H75xW182xD100cm
- Chair: H84xW54xD56cm

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### ↑ RETRO COLOURS

George Home's cute double-coated steel set also comes in pastel yellow and green.

- Table: H72xDia90cm
- Chair: H93x W47xD56cm



£350  
FOR THE SET

### ORANGE BURST

The sleek Akaros outdoor table (H75xW120xD70cm), £150, and chairs (H73x W49xD49), £50 each, from Habitat have an understated design that looks good in any garden





£350 – £650

← **CLASSIC COMFORT**

With a light aluminium frame, the compact Maze Rattan LA at White Stores is easy to move around. The four chairs' deep bases provide added luxury.

- Table: H75x W90xD90cm
- Chair: H83x W56xD50cm

£549  
FOR THE SET

→ **MOROCCAN CHARM**

Go for a striking look with the Katerini from Marks & Spencer. The handcrafted mosaic glass top is also available in terracotta and includes a bistro set. The table is available as a firepit version – perfect for chillier summer evenings. Comes with four water-repellent seat pads.

- Table: H72xDia110cm
- Chair: H82xW56xD57cm



£599  
FOR THE SET



SCANDI  
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↑ **COASTAL ALLURE**

The wooden Canterbury table and chairs, with slatted tops and criss-cross backs from B&Q have a maritime look. The acacia wood is painted white, and four blue seat pads are included. Maintain the look with a cover in winter, £475.

- Table: H74xW88.5xD90cm
- Chair: H88.5x W61xD64.5cm

**RUSTIC CHOICE**

John Lewis' Islay dining set comprises a table (H75x W190xD90cm), bench (H46xW179xD52cm) and two chairs (H84xW63xD62cm). Items are also sold separately, £949



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← **ANIMAL MAGIC**

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→ **SEA FOOD**

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← **MARVELLOUS MONOCHROME**

Add style to your al fresco table with Sainsbury's robust, on-trend designs. From £1.50 for a nibble bowl



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← **FRENCH FANCY**

Neptune's Provence four-seater provides grown-up glamour.

- Table: H75xDia100cm
- Chair: H96x W54xD65cm

£1,095  
FOR THE SET

£2,051  
FOR THE SET

↑ **INVESTMENT BUY**

Add sophistication with the Azore furniture by Gloster. Comes with a teak table top.

- Table: H74.5xW220xD101cm
- Chair: H90xW62xD62cm





**AL FRESCO SEATING**

Causeway Bay patio  
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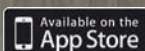


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# Entertaining for FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*Use the freshest ingredients to create these healthy  
and delicious salads for summer weekends*

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## Menu

Chargrilled halloumi,  
courgette and mint salad



Golden spiced  
giant couscous



Chilli prawns with  
avocado dressing



Spiced chicken with  
white beans and chilli dressing



# Get healthy with these SUPER SALADS

*Whether it's a light lunch or a main course, these nutrient-packed recipes will transform a humble bowl of lettuce leaves into a delicious meal*

## Chargrilled halloumi, courgette & mint salad

Pomegranate molasses, a popular ingredient in Middle Eastern cooking, lend a tangy, sweet-sour flavour to the dressing for this main meal salad. They also make a useful base for a marinade and go particularly well with bean, poultry, meat and vegetable dishes

### SERVES 4

125g rocket leaves  
600g canned chickpeas,  
drained and rinsed  
1 small red onion, sliced  
1 courgette, coarsely grated  
400g halloumi, patted dry and sliced  
Seeds from ½ pomegranate  
4 tbsp freshly chopped mint leaves

### POMEGRANATE MOLASSES DRESSING

4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil,  
plus extra for brushing  
2 tbsp pomegranate molasses  
1 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice  
½ tsp caster sugar  
Sea salt and freshly ground  
black pepper

1 Mix together all the ingredients for the dressing and season with salt and pepper.

2 Divide the rocket, chickpeas, red onion and courgette between four serving plates. Spoon enough of the dressing over the salad to lightly coat it and then toss gently until all of the ingredients are combined.

3 Place a large, ridged griddle pan over a high heat. Brush the halloumi slices with a little extra olive oil. Reduce the heat slightly and griddle the halloumi for 2 minutes on each side or until partially blackened in places and softened.

4 Serve the halloumi on top of the salad, garnished with the pomegranate seeds and mint.



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## COOK'S TIP

*Halloumi retains its shape when cooked, so this delicious, versatile cheese can also be baked, grilled and fried as well as griddled*





## Golden spiced giant couscous

Flavoured with slightly sweet-sour red berries, but can be swapped with dried sour cherries, cranberries or raisins

### SERVES 4

125g giant wholemeal couscous  
1 tsp ground turmeric  
2 carrots, coarsely grated  
1 courgette, coarsely grated  
1 red onion, finely chopped  
1 large red pepper, seeded and diced  
2 handfuls of berberries  
2 handfuls of chopped mint leaves  
2 handfuls of chopped coriander leaves  
100g feta cheese, crumbled

### DRESSING

4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
Finely grated zest and freshly squeezed juice of 2 lemons  
½ tsp dried chilli flakes  
1 tsp coriander seeds, toasted and ground  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

**1** Put the giant couscous in a pan and cover with water, stir in the turmeric and some salt, and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 6–8 minutes or until tender. Drain and transfer to a serving bowl.

**2** Mix together all the ingredients for the dressing and season.

**3** Add the carrots, courgette, onion, red pepper, berberries and herbs to the giant couscous and pour the dressing over. Toss until combined and serve topped with crumbled feta cheese.

## Chilli prawns with avocado dressing

Avocado makes a delicious dressing when blended with lime, coriander and fromage frais. If the dressing seems too thick for spooning, loosen with a spoonful or two of water. You can also use cooked frozen garden peas refreshed in water

### SERVES 4

4 handfuls of torn Little Gem lettuce  
1 red pepper, seeded and thinly sliced  
50g sugar snap peas, sliced diagonally  
3 spring onions, thinly sliced diagonally  
100g shelled fresh uncooked peas  
350g shelled cooked king prawns  
1 red chilli, seeded and finely sliced

### AVOCADO DRESSING

2 avocados, peeled, halved, stoned and chopped  
Freshly squeezed juice of 2 limes  
Finely grated zest of 1 lime  
6 tbsp fromage frais or ricotta cheese  
2 tbsp freshly chopped coriander leaves, plus extra to serve  
½ tsp dried chilli  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

**1** To make the avocado dressing, put all the ingredients in a blender and process until smooth and creamy. Add a little water to loosen, if needed, and season well.

**2** Arrange the lettuce leaves on a large serving plate, top with the red pepper, sugar snap peas, spring onions, peas and king prawns. Spoon the avocado dressing on top before sprinkling with the sliced chilli and extra coriander, if you like.



### COOK'S TIP

*To speed up ripening put an avocado in a brown paper bag with a banana and wait for a day or so. Use the same technique for green tomatoes*



# Spiced chicken with white beans & chilli dressing

Peppadew is a slightly sweet, piquant chilli with a good level of heat without being mind-blowingly hot. Alternatively, use bottled jalapeños

## SERVES 4

3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts  
1 tbsp smoked paprika  
1 tbsp olive oil  
1 large yellow pepper, seeded and sliced  
300g canned drained haricot beans  
200g cherry tomatoes, halved  
1 banana shallot, thinly sliced  
2 handfuls of basil leaves, torn  
2 handfuls of coriander leaves  
Pitta bread, toasted and torn into pieces

## CHILLI DRESSING

5 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
Freshly squeezed juice of 1½–2 limes  
2 Peppadew chillies in vinegar, drained and finely chopped  
½ tsp dried chilli flakes  
Sea salt and ground black pepper

- 1 Put the chicken breasts between 2 sheets of clingfilm and flatten with

a meat tenderiser until they are an even thickness, about 1.5cm. Mix together the paprika with 1 tbsp of oil in a large shallow dish. Season, add the chicken and spoon the marinade over the top until evenly coated.

- 2 Place a griddle pan over a high heat. Turn down slightly and chargrill the chicken in two batches for 7–10 minutes, turning twice, until cooked through and blackened in places. Leave to rest and cool for 5 minutes, then slice into strips.

- 3 Meanwhile, to make the dressing, mix all the ingredients together in a bowl. Taste and add the extra lime juice, if needed. Season and set aside.

- 4 Put the pepper, beans, tomatoes, shallot and half the herbs in a large, shallow bowl. Spoon over half of the dressing and toss. Top the salad with the chicken, remaining herbs and crisp pitta and spoon over the rest of the dressing.

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 twentytwentyone.com  
**Twyford Cookers** 01568 611242;  
 twyford-cookers.com

**U** **UKBathrooms** 01765 694720;  
 ukbathrooms.com  
**UK Flooring Direct** 024 7601 2840;  
 ukflooringdirect.co.uk  
**Umbra** umbra.com  
**Unique & Unity** 0845 605 9699;  
 uniqueandunity.co.uk  
**Universal Expert** universalexpert.co.uk  
**Universal Lighting Services Ltd** 0151 650 2138;  
 universal-lighting.co.uk  
**Urbane Living** 020 7138 3838;  
 urbaneliving.co.uk

**V** **Very** 08448 222321; very.co.uk  
**Victoria & Albert Baths** 020 7351 4378;  
 vandabaths.com  
**Victoria Plumb** 0344 804 4848;  
 victoriaplumb.com  
**Victorian Plumbing** 0800 862 0878;  
 victorianplumbing.co.uk  
**Villa Nova** 01623 756699; villanova.co.uk  
**Vorwerk** vorwerk-carpets.com  
**Vufold** 01625 442899; vufold.co.uk

**W** **Wallpaperdirect** 01323 430886;  
 wallpaperdirect.com  
**Walls and Floors** 01536 314730;  
 wallsandfloors.co.uk  
**Warren Evans** 020 7693 8988;  
 warrenevans.com  
**Waterstones** 0808 118 8787; waterstones.com  
**Waxed Floors** 020 7738 1620;  
 waxedfloors.co.uk  
**Wayfair** wayfair.co.uk  
**Wealdenfairs.com** 01580 713915  
**Wedgwood** 01782 204141; wedgwood.co.uk  
**Wesco** 01225 438188; wesco-shop.co.uk  
**Whirlpool** whirlpool.co.uk  
**White Stores** 0845 338 6238; whitestores.co.uk  
**Wickes** 0330 123 4123; wickes.co.uk  
**Wild & Wolf** 01225 789909; wildandwolf.com  
**Wilko** 0800 032 9329; wilko.com  
**The Winchester Tile Company** 01392 473004;  
 winchestertiles.com  
**Within Home** 020 7087 2900; withinhome.com  
**Worktop City** 0800 033 7867; worktopcity.com  
**Worktop Express** 0845 222 2644;  
 worktop-express.co.uk  
**Worldstores** 0344 482 7500; worldstores.co.uk

**YZ** **Yours Sustainably** 01622 871038;  
 yoursustainably.com  
**Zoffany** 0844 543 4600;  
 zoffany.com





## Finishing touches

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*With the sun finally out and your garden coming into bloom, there's no better time to add a touch of nature to your interior space. Start by covering an old or second-hand screen with a woodland-inspired fabric in a palette of soft greens – use rattan, wood and metal details to add texture and interest.*

### GET THE LOOK

For similar fabric, try Wisteria in cotton in putty, £20 per m, John Lewis.  
For a similar table, try Erbosa console table (H76xW142xD51cm), £359, Wayfair.  
Try Nkuku for a throw in grey, £140. For galvanised watering cans and wooden trugs, try Garden Trading.  
Try Homebase for a similar cushion (H35xW50cm), £9.99

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